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PREFACE.

In order to carry out the will of the Legislature, as expressed in the two Acts of 1892, which are published herewith, it was necessary to provide promptly for use in our public schools, text books, as accurate as possible in statement, simple in style, and at a *reasonable* price. For the High Schools a book was soon found and prescribed. For the Common Schools, Nos. I and II of the Pathfinder Series approached the conditions required very closely in many respects. A revision of these latter, with adaptations to Canadian statistics, was made by a committee consisting of Dr. A. P. Reid, President of the Halifax Medical College, and Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Hygiene; Dr. A. W. H. Lindsay, Reg. and Sec. of the Provincial Medical Board of Nova Scotia, and Professor of Anatomy in the Halifax Medical College; Hibbert Woodbury, D.D.S.; Alexander McKay, Esq., Supervisor of the Public Schools of Halifax City; and Dr. MacKay, Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia. The Council of Public Instruction thereupon prescribed this Text Book for the use of pupils in the Common Schools. Before the young people are able to read, oral instruction based on the text is prescribed to be given. With the increasing inducements for teachers

to attend the Normal School, the value of this oral instruction throughout the Province, it is hoped, will gradually become more and more effective. The use of this text as a reader and as enjoined by the Act, will always, however, subserve more than one useful end in the hands of the pupils.

The following Acts of the Provincial Legislature of Nova Scotia are more immediately responsible for the publication of this book in its present form :

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE "MORE THOROUGH STUDY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS ON THE HUMAN SYSTEM."

(*Passed the 30th day of April, 1892.*)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1. Appropriate instruction shall be given regularly in the public schools as to the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, including tobacco, and special instruction as to their effect upon the human system in connection with the several divisions of the subjects of relative physiology and hygiene. Such instruction regarding physiological and hygienic laws and the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, shall be given orally from a suitable text-book in the hands of the teacher to pupils unable to read, and such instruction shall be given to all others with text-books in the hands of the pupils, and from text-books as well graded to the capacities of

the pupils as other text-books are, and such instruction shall be given as aforesaid to the pupils in all public schools in the Province.

2. The text-books to be used for instruction required to be given by the preceding section of this Act shall be prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction, who shall notify the secretaries of the respective Boards of Trustees, and of the School Boards of the several incorporated towns and cities within the Province, of the choice of the text-books so selected by them as aforesaid, and said text-books used in the primary or intermediate grades shall give at least one-fourth of their space to the consideration of the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics; and the text-books used in the higher grades shall contain at least twenty pages of matter relating to this subject.

3. It shall be the duty of school officers and school inspectors to report to the Council of Public Instruction any failure on the part of the trustees or the teachers of the section under their control to carry out the provisions of this Act. Upon its being shown to the Council of Public Instruction, either by such school inspectors or school officers, or any ratepayer, that any teachers or trustees have failed to carry out the provisions of this Act, any such failure shall be deemed sufficient cause for withholding wholly or in part from any such teacher or trustees, provincial or county grants.

THE MINORS PROTECTION ACT, 1892.

(*Passed the 30th day of April, 1892.*)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows

1. Any person who shall sell or give, or cause to be sold or given, any cigars, cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco, snuff, or any other form or preparation of tobacco or opium for smoking, to any person, having reasonable cause to believe such person to be under the age of sixteen years, shall on conviction thereof, in a summary way, before any two justices of the peace or a stipendiary magistrate, be liable to a fine not greater than the sum of twenty dollars for each offence under this section; and in case of a fine, or a fine and costs being awarded, and of the same not being upon conviction forthwith paid, the justice may commit the offender to the common gaol, there to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days, unless the fine and costs are sooner paid.

2. Any person who shall accept any money or other valuable consideration to act as the agent of any person under sixteen years of age, in procuring for such person any cigars, cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco, or snuff, or any other form or preparation of tobacco or opium for smoking, or shall supply to any person under sixteen years of age any such cigars, cigarettes, or other form or preparation of tobacco or opium for smoking or chewing, on the promise of any money or other valuable

consideration, shall, on conviction thereof, upon information under oath in a summary way, before any two justices of the peace or a stipendiary magistrate, be liable to a fine not greater than the sum of twenty dollars for each offence under this section, and in case of a fine or a fine and costs being awarded and of the same not being upon conviction forthwith paid, the justice may commit the offender to the common gaol, there to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days, unless the fine and costs are sooner paid.

3. Any person under sixteen years of age who has in his possession, or smokes, or in any way uses, cigarettes, cigars, or tobacco in any form, shall, upon summary conviction therefor before a justice of the peace or a stipendiary magistrate, be subject to a penalty of not more than five dollars for every offence, or to imprisonment in the common gaol for any period not exceeding seven days, and in case of a fine being awarded, if the same is not upon conviction forthwith paid, the justice may commit the offender to the common gaol, there to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding seven days, unless the fine is sooner paid.

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FIRST WORDS.

"KNOW thyself," is old and good advice. As the body is an important part of a person, we are only obeying this counsel when we learn how it is built, how it lives, and what is good or bad for its health.

Because many people are ignorant of the true nature of alcoholic drinks and other poisons, the law in our country requires the pupils in the public schools to study the human body and the effects of the drugs upon it.

From these lessons you will learn, first, what these drugs are. That you may understand what they will do to those who use them, you must then learn about the human body and how to take care of it.

When you see what alcohol, tobacco and opium do to the many wonderful parts of the body, and what trouble and sorrow they cause, you will know why it is dangerous to use them.

CHAPTER 1.

ALCOHOL.

ALCOHOL is a colorless liquid, with a stinging taste; it burns without soot, giving little light, but great heat. It is lighter than water and cannot be frozen.

It is used to dissolve gums, resins and oils; to make smokeless flames; to take from leaves, roots, barks and seeds materials for making perfumes and medicines; and to keep dead bodies from decaying.

People do not usually drink clear alcohol (al' co hol). Rum, whiskey, wine, cider, gin, brandy, beer, etc., are water and alcohol with different flavors. Millions of gallons of alcohol in these liquors are drunk every year by the people of this country.

ORIGIN OF ALCOHOL.

Water forms the larger part of grape, apple and other fruit and plant juices. Green fruits contain much starch; as they ripen and become fit for food this starch turns to sugar. Our sweet-tasting fruits and plants have sugar in their juices; and from such juices, boiled down, we get the sugar used for food.

If this fruit or plant juice is drawn off from its pulp and then kept at summer heat, the sweet part changes: it is no longer sugar, because it has been changed chiefly by a yeast plant, which may be in the air, into alcohol and a gas named car bon'ic ac'id.* Much of this gas goes off into the air; the alcohol remains in the liquid, changing a wholesome food into a dangerous drink.

ALCOHOL A POISON.†

Any substance whose nature is to injure health or destroy life, when it is absorbed into the blood either in small or large quantities, is called a poison.

Proper food is wrought into our bodies; but poisons‡ are thrown out of them, if possible, because unfit to be used in making any of their parts.

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*A better, but less common name for this gas is carbonic dioxide.

†Dr. A. B. Palmer, of Michigan University, says: "Medical writers admit that by far the most disastrous and frequent cause of poisoning in all our communities is the use of alcohol."

Dr. W. J. Youmans writes: "Alcohol . . . . a brain poison."

Dr. Alden, of Massachusetts, tells us: "On every organ they touch, alcoholic drinks act as a poison. There is no such thing as their temperate use. They are always an enemy to the human body. They produce weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life."

‡Intoxicated means poisoned. The barbarians poisoned their arrows; hence, from the Latin *in*, into—and *toxicum*, a poison into which arrows were dipped, we get the word which describes the condition of a person under the influence of alcohol.

In large doses, in its pure state, or when diluted, as in brandy, whiskey, rum, or gin, alcohol is often fatal to life. Deaths of men, women, and children from poisonous doses of this drug, are common.

In smaller quantities, or in the lighter liquors—beer, wine and cider—when used as a beverage, alcohol injures the health in proportion to the amount taken.

WHAT IS A NARCOTIC?

Any substance that deadens the brain and nerves is called a narcotic; for example, ether (e'ther) and chloroform (chlo'ro form), which are given by the dentist, that he may extract teeth without pain. Alcohol is taken for similar purposes, and is a powerful narcotic.

ALCOHOL AND WATER.

Into a bottle half full of water, pour alcohol to the top; then shake it well, being very careful not to spill any of the liquid. Now, the bottle is not full. The alcohol has mixed with the water, and it does this wherever it has a chance.

Oil and water have no attraction for each other; alcohol and water have a great attraction for each other.

In our study of the human body, which is seven parts out of eight water,* we shall see how alcohol,

*I took one of those remains of the human body which have been preserved some thousands of years, and which is called an Egyptian mummy.

It was probably the body of one who had been a great priest or ruler, for it had been embalmed or preserved in the most ex-

beginning at the lips, unites with the water in every part of the drinker's body which it reaches, thus robbing it of the needed liquid, especially if the alcohol is not very dilute.

ALCOHOLIC APPETITE.

Like all narcotic poisons, alcohol has the dangerous power of creating an increasing appetite for itself, that demands not only more frequent, but stronger and larger doses. The greater its work of ruin, the harder and the more nearly impossible to overcome will be its demand.

The appetite does not gain with equal rapidity upon all; but no one can tell how long he will be satisfied with a little. This craving, so easily formed and so

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pensive form of embalming, and had been enclosed in a tomb which must have cost a small fortune.

I measured the mummy,—its length, its girth, and the relative size of its head and limbs and trunk. From these measurements I was able to estimate what would have been the weight of the body when its owner was moving on the earth in the midst of life and health. The weight of the body at that time, I reckoned, would have been 128 pounds.

In the condition of a mummy, in which it was now before me, nothing remained but the dried skeleton or bony framework, and the muscles and other organs completely dried. The body, in fact, had, in the course of ages, lost all its water.

In this state it weighed just sixteen pounds, and, as eight times sixteen are one hundred and twenty-eight, it is clear that seven parts out of eight of the whole body, or one hundred and twelve pounds, had passed away as water. In the remaining weight was included that of the skeleton, which contains but ten per cent. of water, and some mere remnants of canvas and pitchy substances,

hard to overcome, clings to its victims. Sometimes after slumbering through years of abstinence (ab'sti nence), it is wakened by the first taste.

The custom of putting wine and other alcoholic liquors into cooked foods, is a dangerous one, often causing the formation or return of a fearful appetite.

In this country, many persons every year die as drunkards—that is, are killed by alcohol. None of them expected to become drunkards when they began to drink liquor; but they were ignorant, or careless, of the power of a little alcohol to create an appetite for more.

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which had been used by the embalmers, and which, like the skeleton, still continued perfect.

The soft parts of this human body, by which all its active life, its moving and thinking functions, had been carried on, were, in fact, nearly all removed by the drying process, or loss of water, to which they had been subjected. They had not been destroyed by passing into new forms of matter, as occurs when a dead substance is allowed to decay in the open air; but they had completely lost the water, which once gave them size, flexibility, shape and capacity for motion.

Dr. B. W. Richardson, of London.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. What is alcohol?—Name some of its qualities.
2. What are the uses of alcohol?
3. From what is alcohol made?
4. How can you prove that alcohol is a poison?
5. How many persons every year die as drunkards?
6. Under what names is alcohol drunk?
7. What is the difference between a food and a poison?
8. Describe Dr. Richardson's experiment with the mummy.
9. What is the effect of alcohol upon the water in the human body?
10. Why does the drinker of alcohol fail to realize his danger

CHAPTER II.

FERMENTATION

WHAT is fermenta'tion? When moist animal or vegetable matters are exposed to warm air, certain changes which take place alter their nature; these changes are produced by a process called fermentation.

When sugar is turning to alcohol and carbon'ic acid, the latter escapes in little bubbles, giving the entire liquid the appearance of boiling. We call this process, and others much like it, fermentation, from a Latin word which means to boil.

There are several kinds of fermentation. In these lessons we shall learn about only two of them.

I. *Vi'nous Fermentation*—the change of sugar mainly to alcohol and carbonic acid.

II. *Ace' tous Fermentation*—the change of alcohol mainly to vinegar.

VINOUS FERMENTATION.

FERMENTS AND YEAST.

If you should look at a drop of stagnant water placed under a strong mi'croscope, you would be quite likely to find it full of small living things, so tiny that you could not see them at all with the naked eye; these

minute' animal and vegetable forms are alive, and often in rapid motion.

In the air, also, are many living forms, too small to be seen by the naked eye. One variety of these is called ferments.

These ferments are often found resting on the stems and surfaces of ripe fruits. They have been found in what was before pure water, after a bunch of grapes had been washed in it. With the help of the microscope, they have been carefully studied. These ferments from the stems and skins of fruits, or from the air, easily pass into the juice of fruits, when it is pressed out. In this they multiply rapidly as they turn its sweet principle, or sugar, to the poison, alcohol.

The juices of the grape, apple, and many other fruits, will, if placed under the right conditions, ferment by the action of these living forms.

In order to ferment some other liquids and thus obtain intoxicating drinks, yeast* must be added. In this way some people brew home-made beer—by steeping various roots, barks, and herbs in water, and adding yeast and sugar enough to cause fermentation. The alcohol that is formed by the change of the sugar, makes the beer a dangerous drink.

When a liquid is fermenting, the little bubbles of carbonic acid carry a froth to the top, which can be used

*Yeast is really a plant, and it is the growth of the yeast plant which causes fermentation in these liquids.

as yeast to act on other liquids. At the bottom lie the "settlings," a half solid mass of yeast, sometimes called the lees. Between the froth and the lees is a thin, intoxicating liquid, which people drink under different names, as wine, cider, beer, etc.

Dry sugar will not ferment, nor will alcohol be formed in liquids which have an excess of sugar, water, heat,—each in the right proportion,—and of the right kind of ferments or of yeast, is always required to produce alcohol.

ALCOHOL FROM GRAINS.

Starch forms a large part of rye, corn, barley and other grains. If these are kept moist and warm—as when planted in the earth in spring or summer,—their starch turns to sugar, when the grain, which is a seed, begins to grow. Chew a grain of sprouted corn or barley, and you will find it sweet.

Barley is kept moist with water until it sprouts, or throws out little roots. During this process, most of the starch that is in the barley, changes to sugar. Heat is then applied, strong enough to dry out all the moisture of the barley and kill the young roots.

Grain thus treated is called malt, and from this malt, pale ale and beers are made.

Heating to a higher temperature, so as to slightly burn the sprouted grains, makes dark malt, from which porter and stout—dark colored drinks are manufactured.

If the sugar thus formed in barley is dissolved out of the grain with water, and yeast is added, and the whole exposed to warm air, another change takes place, —the sugar, which was once starch, becomes alcohol and carbonic acid, which is associated with the flavoring principles of the materials employed. By this process, a good food has been changed to a poison; for the barley has become an intoxicating drink—ale, beer, or porter.

ALCOHOL AND BREAD.

We must not conclude that fermentation is never a good thing. If it is stopped at just the right point, and the alcohol all driven off by heat, it improves some kinds of food.

Crushed grain, or flour is a valuable food; but, in this form, is not pleasant to eat. Yeast added to warm, moistened flour causes fermentation. A little sugar in the flour itself will turn to alcohol and carbonic acid gas. This gas, in a thin liquid, would pass off into the air. But it is imprisoned by the sticky dough, and puffs it up with little cells in its effort to escape, thus making the otherwise solid mass light and spongy.

The small quantity of alcohol which was formed largely evaporates, and the gas escapes when the dough is placed in the strong heat of the oven; a light, sweet loaf of bread is left, that is better food than the flour.

Alcohol turns to vapor with less heat than water. In bread baked enough to be food fit for the human stomach, the alcohol has been turned to vapor by the heat of the oven, and has passed off into the air.

People who are ignorant of the truths you are learning in these lessons, have supposed that because fermented dough makes good bread to eat, therefore fermented barley-juice must make good beer to drink. But you know the alcohol stays in the beer and not in the bread, and that simple fact makes the difference, in this case, between a food and a poison.

AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL IN FERMENTED LIQUORS.

In one hundred parts of the fermented juice of apples, or cider, there are from two to ten parts of alcohol. In one hundred parts of beer—the fermented juice of barley—there are from three to ten parts of alcohol.

To preserve the fermented wines, and to suit the tastes of the drinkers, more alcohol is added, so that these wines may be of various strengths, from twelve to thirty-nine per cent.

It is estimated that in Canada (1892) 500,000 gallons of wine, 3,500,000 gallons of spirits, and 17,500,000 gallons of beer, are consumed every year. That would be about one-tenth of a gallon of wine, nearly three-quarters of a gallon of spirits, and three gallons and a half of beer, for every man, woman and child in the Dominion —if they were so foolish as to use them. But as very

many people do not use these drinks at all, some must take a great deal more during each year. Further study will show you the consequences of the use of this great quantity of alcohol.

HEAT AND FERMENTED LIQUORS.

If you were to place fermented liquors of any kind in an open kettle over strong heat, their charm for the lover of wine, cider, or beer, would soon be gone. It is for the sake of the alcohol they contain, that people are fond of these drinks, and this passes away in the form of vapor from the boiling liquid; the liquid which is left has an insipid taste, and no one would care to drink it.

ALCOHOL IN NATURE.

It is a mistake to suppose that because grapes, apples, and barley, are healthful foods, that wine, cider, and beer, made from them, must also be healthful.

It is important to remember that fermentation entirely changes the character of the substance it works upon. Nature protects her various plant forms; and while the juice remains guarded from the ferment germs by the skin or husk of the unbroken grain, plant or fruit, its sugar will not ferment, and alcohol will not be found in them.

ACETOUS FERMENTATION.

ALCOHOL AND VINEGAR.

Vegetable substances come from earth, air, and water, and in time return to them.

Through process of fermentation, vegetable liquids go back to earth, air, and water. After the alcohol is formed, if it remains in the vegetable juice, exposed to moderately warm air, the acetous or some other kind of fermentation, takes place, changing the alcohol to a sharp acid, mainly acetic acid, commonly known as vinegar.

When the cook has not baked the bread at just the right time an acid fermentation begins in the dough, and we say "the bread is sour." This acid does not pass off in the heat of the oven as alcohol does, but remaining gives a sour taste to the bread.

Acetic acid is as different from alcohol, as alcohol is from sugar. It is used as a condiment. Vinegar is made in this way from hard cider and other fermented liquors, and will change in its turn, by putrefactive and other ferments to earth, air, and water.

The earth, air, and water have claimed again the matter only loaned to make the fruit, plant, or grain.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. What is fermentation?
2. Why do fermenting liquids appear to be boiling?
3. What kinds of fermentation shall we consider?
4. If you look through a strong microscope at stagnant water, what would you see?
5. What are bacteria?
6. What are spores? and where found?
7. What produces fermentation in fruit juices?
8. How are some other liquids made into intoxicating drinks?
9. Why are home-made beers dangerous drinks?
10. What causes froth at the top of a fermenting liquor? and how is it used?
11. What is there between the froth and the lees?
12. What is necessary to produce alcohol?
13. What forms the chief part of grain?
14. How is this starch changed? Prove this.
15. How is the starch in barley turned to sugar?
16. What is malt? and what is made from it?
17. How does alcohol get into the beer?
18. How can fermentation be made to improve some foods?
19. What takes place when yeast is added to warm, moistened flour?
20. What makes bread light and spongy?
21. What becomes of this alcohol and carbonic acid gas in the dough? In beer, wine, and cider?
22. Describe the appearance of a fermenting liquid.
23. What conditions will prevent the formation of alcohol from sugar?
24. What is the effect of heat on fermented liquors?
25. How much alcohol is there in beer? In cider? In wine?
26. How much alcohol is drank in beer in one year in this country?
27. How much would this make for one person?
28. What effect has boiling on fermented drinks?
29. How is the character of a substance affected by fermentation?
30. Describe acetous fermentation.
31. Why is bread sometimes sour?
32. Contrast acetic acid with alcohol. For what is it used? To what will it turn?

CHAPTER III.

DISTILLATION.

WHEN a liquid is changed to a vapor by heat, and that vapor is turned again to a liquid by cold, the process is called distillation (dis til la'tion).

Cold surfaces condense the moisture in the night air, and we say: "The dew is falling." By the heat of the sun, these drops of water are turned again to vapor that rises and spreads itself in the air; this is again changed to water by cold, and falls in the form of dew, or fog, or rain, or snow. Thus, with her own heat and cold, "Nature is ever distilling."

Unless sugar is dissolved in water, it will not turn to alcohol; therefore, when first formed, alcohol is always mixed with water.

Alcohol and water could not be separated, until men, in imitation of nature, learned to distill.

Every child who has watched the steam puffing from a tea-kettle, knows that heat will turn a liquid to vapor. Some liquids require less heat than others for this change. When two such liquids are mixed, one can be made to pass off in vapor, leaving the other. Thus alcohol and water may be separated.

Put a fermented liquor into a kettle over the fire, with a pipe in its closely-fitting spout to carry off the

steam. Nearly all the alcohol will pass off in vapor before the water comes to the boiling point.

If this pipe is of the right length and is cooled by ice or cold water, the vapor, while passing through it, will turn to a liquid and drop from the end of the pipe.

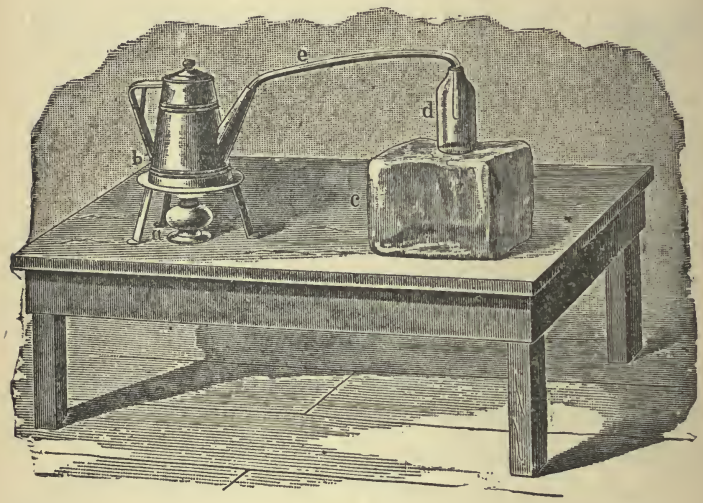


Fig. 2.

If you apply a lighted match to this new liquid it will burn with a pale blue flame, giving out intense heat.

It is mainly alcohol which has been separated—distilled—from the fermented mixture. What remains in the kettle is principally water. The alcohol is unchanged in its nature ; but stronger, because not so much diluted with water.

Experiment.—You may easily make this experiment for yourselves.

Put some hard cider into a teapot (*b*), and fasten a piece of rubber tubing (*e*) about two feet long to the spout.

Let the other end of the tubing reach into a bottle (*d*) standing in a pail of cold water or on a block of ice (*c*).

Heat the cider by means of the lamp (*a*), being careful not to make it hot enough for the water in the cider to boil.

If the cider is not very strong, you may have to redistill it before you find the alcohol is pure enough to burn.

DISTILLED LIQUORS.

In the manner just described, brandy is distilled from wine or cider; rum from fermented molasses; whiskey from fermented corn, barley, or potatoes; gin from fermented barley, or rye, afterward distilled with juniper berries. Ordinarily these distilled liquors are about one-half pure alcohol.

Water passes over with the alcohol, so that these liquors are often distilled a second, and even a third time, to make them stronger of alcohol.

The alcohol usually sold is distilled from fermented grains, chiefly corn, and also molasses; but it can be made from any fermented liquor. It is so greedy for water that entirely pure alcohol can be produced only

by distilling it with some substance such as quick lime, that is still more eager for water, and will take it from the alcohol.

DRUGGED LIQUORS.

Simple fermented wine in its many forms (without the addition of distilled alcohol) was probably the first, and, for many centuries, the only known intoxicating drink.

The ancients supposed that each of the various fruit juices made a different kind of liquor; but you see all of them are mainly alcohol and water. The different taste of each, if it is really what it claims to be, is due to its own peculiar fruit, grain, or plant flavor.

Poisonous drugs and coloring matter are often added to alcohol and water to imitate the various liquors. So much of this is done that many of the fermented and distilled liquors now sold and used contain other poisons added to their own ever present one—alcohol. As this is the most dangerous of all, the idea that "unadulterated whiskey" or the "pure, fermented juice of the grape," can be "good," is a mistake.

HOW ALCOHOL WAS DISCOVERED.

The people who lived about 700 years ago, thought that somewhere, if they could only find them, were two things that would greatly bless the world. First something that would turn iron and all common metals into gold, and thus easily and greatly enrich the finder;

second, an "elixir of life," which would prevent sickness and death, and keep those who drank it forever young.

The men who tried many curious experiments in search of these two wonders, were called alchemists (al'ke mists). It is supposed an Arab, named Albucasis, was thus led to discover alcohol by distilling it from wine.

His career of intoxication and violence was short. He had found not the "elixir of life," but the "water of death."

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. What is distillation?
2. Show that "Nature is ever distilling."
3. Describe the process of distillation of liquors.
4. Why are they distilled?
5. What are the principal distilled liquors?
6. From what is each made?
7. How is pure alcohol obtained?
8. What two substances form the greater part of all liquors?
9. How are the different plant flavors imitated?
10. Are "pure fermented liquors" healthful and safe? Why?
11. What led to the discovery of alcohol?
12. How did it affect its discoverer?

CHAPTER IV.

TOBACCO.

UNTIL within a few years, the Middle and part of the Southern States were the chief tobacco-raising regions of America. Now, however, the cultivation of tobacco has spread, until many fertile valleys, even of our Dominion are devoted to its growth.

The plant reaches a height of several feet, and has large, spreading, pale-green leaves, which are treated in peculiar ways, and then made into cigars, or prepared to be smoked in pipes, or chewed, or used as snuff.

NICOTINE.

Tobacco is a powerful depressant, which owes its peculiar poisonous properties mainly to a substance called nicotine (nic'o tin). A single drop, if put on the tongue of a dog, will soon kill the animal. An ordinary cigar contains nicotine enough to kill a man.

Tobacco is naturally very disagreeable to all who have not learned to use it. Boys who try it, know that at first it gives them headache, dizziness, and sickness at the stomach. Their poor bodies try to tell them they are taking poison.

If they keep on, the nicotine injures their nerves, so they do not feel these effects, though they are more or less hurt all the time.

CIGARETTES.

Many boys and young men learn to smoke by beginning with cig ar ettes'. These seem harmless because they are so small; but they are one of the worst possible preparations of tobacco.

The smoke of the paper wrappings is irritating to the lungs, and the cigarettes send more poisonous fumes into the delicate air cells, than a pipe or a cigar would.

Drinking men are almost always smokers or chewers, and many a drunkard owes his ruined life and happiness, to the appetite for narcotics formed by the use of tobacco, and the company into which it led him.

Old cigar-stumps are often picked up from the streets and smoked or made into cigarettes. This is worse than disgusting; for, in this way, disease may be spread, coming from the mouths of the first users. These stumps are the "strongest" part of the cigars—that is they contain the most nicotine, which thus goes into the cigarettes.

TOBACCO AND GROWTH.

A boy who uses tobacco runs the risk of being dwarfed in body, mind, and soul;—of becoming a nervous, sickly man, with a weak memory and a feeble heart.

Physicians agree that many and serious troubles result from its use even by adults;—it is certain that growing boys can never indulge in it with safety.

An eminent physician—Dean of one of the leading medical colleges in this country—(Dr. A. B. Palmer, of the University of Michigan), says that young men who learn to smoke or chew tobacco, destroy on an average, by so doing, much of the enjoyment and value, and at least one-tenth of the length of their lives.

As with narcotics, using a little makes one long for more; the boy who begins with one or two cigars a day soon increases the number.

Many men who are now slaves to its use, would gladly be free from it; and very few tobacco-users would advise their sons to adopt the expensive, uncleanly, and worse than useless habit. Yet in Canada 11,000,000 pounds are used in one year (1892), or very nearly 2⅓ pounds for each man, woman, and child in the Dominion, if distributed to each individual.

COST OF TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL.

What is the yearly expense of a five-cent mug of beer for each week-day, and two on Sundays? How many barrels of flour would this money buy at $6.00 a barrel?

What is the annual cost of the habit of a boy who spends five cents for cigarettes each day of the year? If, instead of burning it up, the boy when fourteen years old, puts the value of the cigarettes into the Savings Bank daily, what will it amount to by the time he is twenty-one?

If a man earns one dollar a day, and spends daily five cents for tobacco and five cents for beer, what part of his earnings is thus worse than wasted on these narcotics?

If twenty cents a day be spent for cigarettes and beer, what amount will be lost to the user in three months' time?

What amount would be saved in ten years' time, if a man who spends thirty cents a day for liquor should give up the habit entirely?

How much will the custom of "treating" be likely to increase the amount one spends for alcohol and tobacco?

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. In what sections of this continent is tobacco raised? Describe the plant.
2. Give proof of the poisoning power of nicotine.
3. What are the usual effects when one uses tobacco for the first time?
4. Why does the tobacco-user not continue to feel these effects?
5. Why are cigarettes especially harmful?
6. How may the use of tobacco be the means of leading one to drink liquors?
7. What risks does a boy run in using tobacco?
8. How does the appetite for tobacco change with the use of the drug? Why?
9. Which is the more profitable purchase—tobacco or flour? Why?

CHAPTER V.

OPIUM.

THE white poppy is a plant which is largely cultivated in India and China. If little slits are cut in the unripe seed-vessels, drops of milky juice come out. When dry, these are carefully scraped off and sold as opium (o'pi um).

From this opium, laudanum (lau'da num), morphine (mor'phin), paregoric (par e gor'ic), and the various kinds of soothing syrups are made. It is one of the most deadly of the narcotic poisons.

EFFECTS.

Usually, these various forms of opium are taken at first by the advice of the doctor, to relieve pain. But the appetite, like that for alcohol and tobacco, grows stronger, and the dose is made larger, as the habit gains upon its victim.

Opium does not make one violent, so as to injure and murder others, as alcohol often does; but its effects on the users themselves are, if possible, even worse than those of alcohol.

At first, the user seems to be in a pleasant and wonderful dream; then he grows stupid and uncon scious. When he comes to his senses again, there is a

feeling of fearful distress; to free himself from this he longs for more of the drug, and will get it if possible.

The continued use of opium leads to serious disorders of the digestive organs, loss of appetite, loss of strength, and general weakness of mind and body. The brain and nerves are especially injured by it, as they are by all narcotics. The power of self-control is lost, and the most solemn promises are broken in order to obtain the poison. Many lives that might have been grand and noble have been destroyed by the use of opium.

Those who have the care of children frequently quiet them by the use of soothing-syrups. They stop the baby's cry, of course; but they do it by deadening the nerves and poisoning the tender child-life, often leaving injuries from which it never recovers. An overdose may at once kill the little one.

Gin and other liquors are sometimes used for the same purpose. Because this practice injures the health and often creates a craving for alcohol, it is a cruel betrayal of trust on the part of those charged with the care of helpless infants.

THE NARCOTIC HABIT.

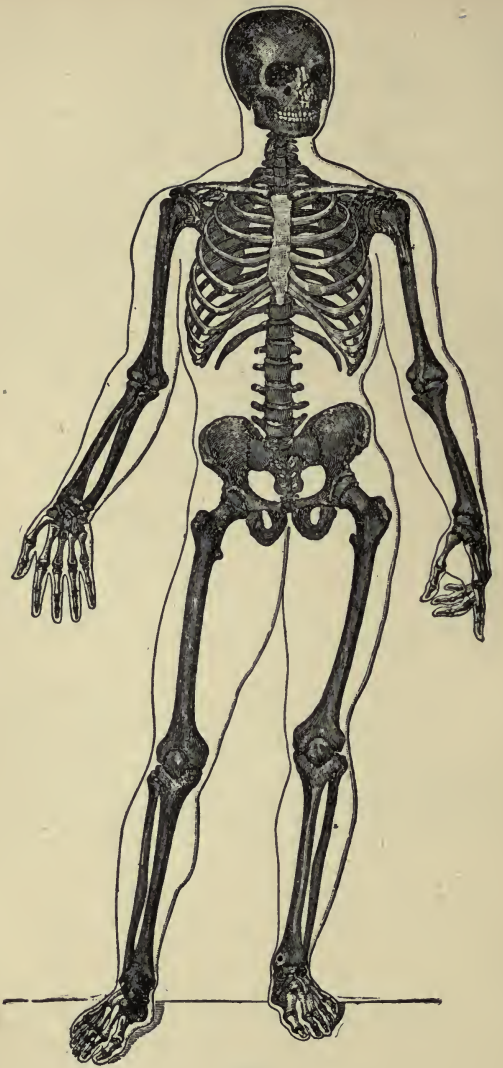
Chloral (klo'ral) and chloroform (klo'ro form) are often used in sickness; but, like opium, are narcotics, and therefore dangerous helps. They should never be used in health, or on trivial occasions. Its use for any length of time even in medicines, is dangerous.

One narcotic is very likely to lead to another. A gentleman once tried to break off the habit of smoking, by drinking wine instead. He found the wine was enslaving him; he tried morphine, and soon became its victim. At last, with a body sadly wrecked, he returned to tobacco, his first enemy, with his naturally fine abilities ruined through the appetite for narcotics.

Turning from one narcotic to another is merely a change of masters. The only hope for the poor victim lies in his power to stop using all these poisons.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. How is opium obtained?
2. Under what names is it sold?
3. Describe its effects on the user.
4. Why are there more opium users among women than among men?
5. Why does soothing-syrup stop a child's cry?
6. What other narcotics are used in a similar way?
7. Is it safe and right to so use them? Why?
8. Why are opium, chloral and chloroform called narcotics?
9. Is anything gained by changing one narcotic for another?
10. What is the only safe rule in regard to the use of these poisons?



CHAPTER VI.

BONES.

ANY part of an animal or vegetable body which has some special work to do, is called an organ. For example, the root takes up food for the plant; the eye is the organ of sight; the nose is the organ of smell.

Plants and animals are called organic bodies, because they have organs. Stone, iron, coal, and other minerals, are called inorganic bodies, because they have no organs.

These organs are made up of tissues; thus we speak of the fatty-tissue, and the muscular-tissue, and the bony-tissue.

THE HUMAN SKELETON.

This is so much like the skeleton of the ox or the cat, that studying their bones will help us to understand about our own.

The human skeleton is composed of about two hundred separate bones. It forms the frame-work of the body, and furnishes a hard surface to which to fasten the flesh. It also protects the softer parts within, as the heart and lungs.

SHAPE OF THE BONES.

FIG. 4.

The thigh-bone (femur) sawed lengthwise.

Some are long, like those of the leg and arm ; some are flat, like the bones of the head. In the ankle and wrist, they are short and irregular. All are shaped for their special uses in the body.

COMPOSITION OF THE BONES.

The bones are made of both mineral and animal matter.

To prove this, burn the leg-bone of a chicken in a slow fire ; the animal matter will pass away, leaving a white substance the shape of the bone, which may now be easily broken into fragments. This is mainly phosphate of lime, and is valuable as a fertilizer.

The mineral matter may be removed by soaking a bone for a few hours in weak hydrochloric acid ; the animal matter, or gristle, which is left, is soft and yielding, so that you may bend the bone, or tie it if long enough in a knot.

Egg-shells, also, contain lime. You may easily puzzle some of your friends, by putting an egg into a small-necked bottle. All that you need to do is to soak the egg in weak acid, until the shell is so soft that it

can be pushed through the neck of the bottle ; once in, it will take its natural form again.

In childhood, the bones contain more animal than mineral matter, and so are not easily broken ; in old age, there is more mineral than animal matter, and the bones are brittle and break more easily.

GROWTH OF THE BONES.

Like the rest of the body, the bones are fed by the food we eat.

Mix some bright coloring-matter that is not poisonous, as madder, with the food given to a young pig for a time, and then give the same kind of food without the color. If the animal be killed after a short time, each bone will show the color of the madder. This proves that the bones were made from the food the animal had eaten.

LIFE OF THE BONES.

Bones begin their life as a sort of jelly, which hardens into gristle, or cartilage, as the child grows. This cartilage receives from the blood several kinds of food, the most important of which are certain compounds of lime ; these, little by little, change the gristle to hard bone.

Farmers give their hens oyster-shells, which contain lime, so that they may have material for the shells of

the eggs they lay. Human beings get lime from milk and other foods containing it. When the bones have too little lime, they are soft and weak.

A fatty matter, called marrow, is in the inside of the long bones, with blood-vessels passing through it and through very small holes in the bone itself, carrying food for its life and growth. Covering each bone is a very thin, tough membrane.

BROKEN BONES.

If an iron rod in a steam engine should break, would it be enough to fasten the broken pieces tightly, end to end, and then wait a few weeks for the iron to grow together? You laugh at the idea. But the bones do that—they mend themselves when broken.

What is needed is to put the ends in place and fasten them tightly with splints and bandages, so that they can not move. Soon a jelly-like substance, made from the blood, connects the two ends; then this changes to cartilage, and, by-and-by, into solid bone and the break is mended.

The bones of young people, when broken, unite readily, and, in a few weeks become as strong as ever. This is due both to the composition of the bones and to the abundant supply of repairing substances in the blood.

A bone broken late in life is a long time in being united, and is likely to remain weak.

THE SKULL AND FACE BONES.

These protect the organs of sight, hearing, smell, and taste, and the brain, the organ of thought.

Fig. 5.

The skull.—1, *frontal bone;* 2, *parietal bone;* 3, *temporal bone;* 6, *superior maxillary (upper jaw) bone;* 7, *malar bone;* 9, *nasal bone;* 10, *inferior maxillary (lower jaw) bone.*

THE TRUNK.

The bones of the trunk are the backbone, or spine, the ribs, the breast-bone, and the hip bones. The spine is composed of a series of twenty-four little bones, called vertebræ.

FIG. 6.

The spine; the seven vertebræ of the neck, cervical; the twelve of the back, dorsal; the five of the loins, lumbar.

Cushions of gristle lie between the vertebræ. If it were not for this, walking and running would jar the body greatly.

In sitting or standing, as we do through the day, these cushions are pressed, and so flattened. When we lie down at night, they return to their natural shape, much as a rubber eraser would do if you pressed it with your finger and then took the finger away. For this reason, one is really a little taller in the morning than at night.

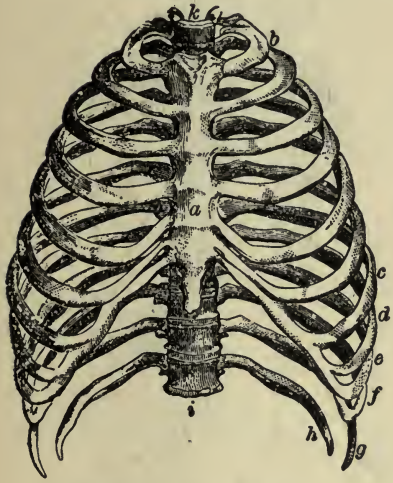
The ribs are slender, curved bones, twenty-four in number, twelve on each side of the body. Behind, they are attached to the back-bone; in front, seven pairs are joined to a dagger-shaped bone, called the breast-bone; three pairs are joined by gristle to each other, and then to the breast-bone; two pairs are "floating" ribs. (See Fig. 7.)

The hip bones are two large, irregular bones which form the side walls of the lower part of the trunk.

THE UPPER LIMBS.

The collar-bones are in front of the upper part of the body; the shoulder-blades, at the back. Fastened to the latter, on each side, is the large bone of the

FIG. 7.



The chest: a, *the sternum or breast-bone;* b *to* c, *the true ribs;* d *to* f, *the false ribs;* g, h, *the floating ribs;* i *to* k, *the dorsal vertebræ.*

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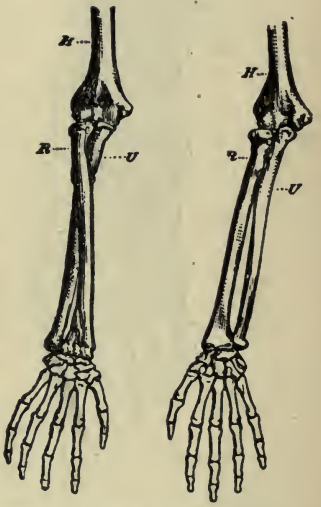

Bones of right fore-arm: H, *the humerus;* R, *the radius;* U, *the ulna.*

upper arm; below the elbow, are the two bones of the fore-arm, and those of the wrist, the palm of the hand, and the thumb and fingers.

THE LOWER LIMBS.

The thigh-bone, in the leg above the knee, joins the hip-bone. Below the knee are the two bones of the lower leg and those of the ankle, foot, and toes. In front of the knee-joint is a small bone, called the knee-pan.

FIG. 9.

Bones of the foot: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, *bones of the ankle and instep;* h, i, *forward part of the foot;* k, l, *bones of the great toe;* m, n, o, *bones of the other toes.*

FIG. 10.

The shoulder-joint: a, *the collar-bone;* b, *the shoulder blade;* c, *the large bone of the upper arm.*

As there are nineteen bones in each hand and foot, they have a great variety of motions. A hand or foot made of one bone, would be stiff and clumsy.*

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* Many Japanese and Chinese use their toes almost as readily as they do their fingers. They will pick up tools with their toes and work with them, while managing other instruments in their hands.

CAVITIES.

There are two principal cavities, or hollow places, within the bony frame-work.

The first is the cavity of the head. The second is a great hollow place, extending from the neck to the hip-bones, divided into two parts by a partition called the aphragm (di' a fram).

In the upper part—the chest—are the heart and lungs; in the lower—the abdomen—are the liver, stomach, owels or intestines, kidneys, and other organs.

TABLE OF THE PRINCIPAL BONES.

THE HEAD AND FACE.

No.	Scientific Name.	Common Name or Position.
1.	Front' al.	Forehead.
1.	Oc cip' i tal.	Back of the head.
2.	Pa ri' e tal.	Upper side walls of the head.
2.	Tem' po ral.	Lower side walls of the head.
2.	Su pe' ri or Max' il la ry.	Upper jaw.
1.	In fe' ri or Max' il la ry.	Lower jaw.
2.	Ma' lar.	Cheek.
2.	Na' sal.	Nose.

Workmen in Constantinople always sit on the ground, even in planing a board; sometimes they hold a long-handled chisel in the left hand, "while the toes guide the cutting edge in turning beautiful forms in a lathe."

"Arabs braid ropes with their toes and fingers laboring in concert." Our toes are so cramped in their stiff leather boots that we do not pretend to use them.

THE SHOULDER, ARM, AND HAND.

No.	Scientific Name.	Common Name or Position.
1.	Scap′ u la.	Shoulder-blade.
1.	Clav′ i cle.	Collar-bone.
1.	Hu′ me rus.	Upper arm.
1.	Ra′ di us.	Fore-arm.
1.	Ul′ na.	
8.	Car′ pus.	Wrist.
5.	Met a car′ pus.	Hand.
14.	Pha lan′ ges.	Thumb and Fingers.

THE TRUNK.

No.	Scientific Name.	Common Name or Position.
24.	Ver′ te bræ.	Backbone.
24.	Ribs.	Side walls of the chest.
1.	Ster′ num.	Breast-bone.
2.	In nom i na′ ta.	Hip bones.

THE LEG AND FOOT.

No.	Scientific Name.	Common Name or Position.
1.	Fe′ mur.	Thigh.
1.	Pa tel′ la.	Knee-pan.
1.	Tib′ ia.	Lower leg
1.	Fib′ u la.	
7.	Tar′ sus.	Ankle.
5.	Met a tar′ sus.	Foot.
14.	Pha lan′ ges.	Toes.

GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

A nat'o my tells how the body is built and the location of its parts.

Phys i ol'o gy tells the uses of each part of the body.

Hy'gi ene tells the conditions of health and how to preserve it.

POSITION OF THE BODY.

The bones of children are easily bent out of shape by wrong positions in sitting and standing. Their feet should be supported when sitting, lest the thigh bones become bent.

The head and shoulders should be thrown back and the body held erect in walking, standing, or sitting, else the spine will become crooked.

The cushions of gristle between the vertebræ permit free and graceful motions of the body. If we stand erect, with the chin quite close to the neck, the head, without being bent forward, is perfectly balanced over our feet.

But if one has the habit of stooping forward, these cushions are so tightly pressed on the front that they lose their elasticity; then one can hardly keep erect, and we say he is "round-shouldered." Bad as this looks, it is the cause of worse trouble, as will be seen when we study the lungs.

If the body leans to one side, when one is standing, the hip bones will soon grow out of shape. Unless careful about this, you will make your body one-sided by your position at the blackboard, or when standing to recite.

In walking, the foot expands in length and breadth. This should be remembered in buying shoes.

The heels of the shoes ought to be low and broad, and placed well back; high heels crowd the feet forward and throw the whole body out of position. The shoes should be broad across the ball of the foot and the toes.

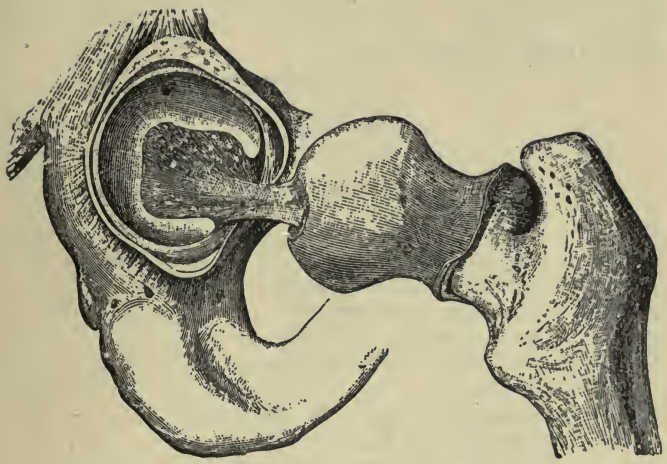
Tight shoes and high heels make the toes override each other, spoil the natural beauty of the foot and the graceful carriage of the person, and are likely to cause bunions, corns, and ingrowing toe nails.

The laws of health are of much more importance than those of fashion. Children's shoes must be changed frequently for larger ones, on account of their rapidly-growing feet; if this is not done, serious injury will be the result.

TOBACCO AND THE BONES.

In whatever way tobacco may affect grown people, it is very certain that its use in childhood stunts the bones and dwarfs all the growth of the child. No boy, who wants to become a full-grown, well-shaped man, can afford to smoke or chew tobacco.

FIG. 11.



The hip-joint.

JOINTS.

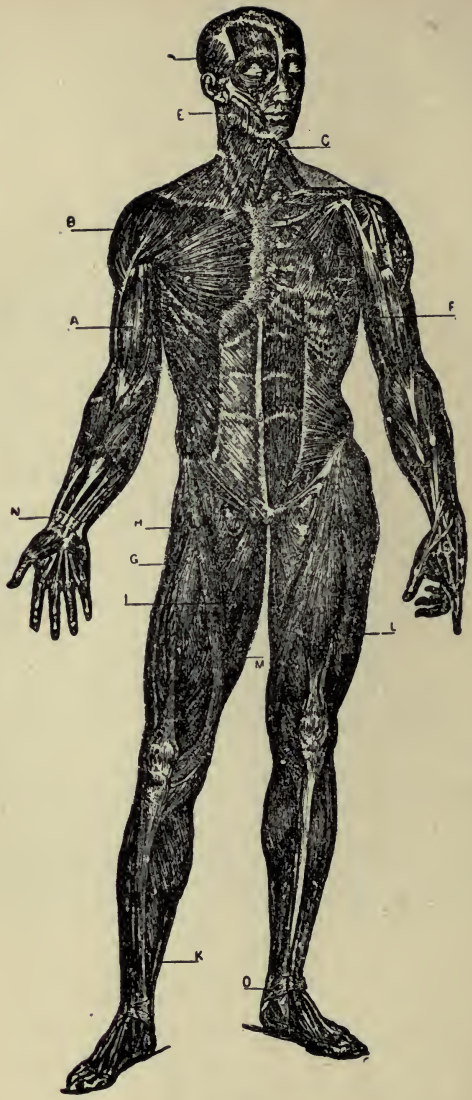
A joint is the place of union of two or more bones. At the shoulder and hip are "ball-and-socket" joints, which permit very easy movements of the arm and leg. In the fingers, wrist, and knee, are "hinge-joints," so named because the bones move backward and forward like a door upon its hinges. The bones of the head have rough edges which fit into each other, making immovable joints.

An engine must be often oiled, or it will not run properly. It can not take care of itself. But the bones not only mend themselves, but oil themselves. The joints are kept moist by a thin fluid like the white of

an egg; this comes from the smooth lining of the inside of the joint; and it makes the ends of the bones move readily on each other.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. What is an organ?
2. Give examples of organs in plant life—in animal life.
3. What are organic bodies?—inorganic bodies?
4. What are the uses of the bones?
5. What is the composition of the bones?
6. Why do the bones of a child not break as easily as those of an old person?
7. What mineral food is needed for the bones?
8. How is a broken bone mended?
9. How may the bones of the lower limbs be bent?
10. Define Anatomy; Physiology; Hygiene.
11. Describe the position in which one ought to stand.
12. How does tobacco affect the bones of a child?
13. What is a joint? Describe two kinds.
14. What are the solid parts of the body called?
15. How many bones are there in the human skeleton?
16. Mention some of the long bones?—some short ones.
17. By what process may an egg be put into a small-necked bottle?
18. Describe the changes in the composition of the bones from infancy to old age.
19. What are the names of the bones of the arm?—of the trunk?
20. Why should the shoes of children be changed frequently?
21. What are some of the results from wearing tight shoes?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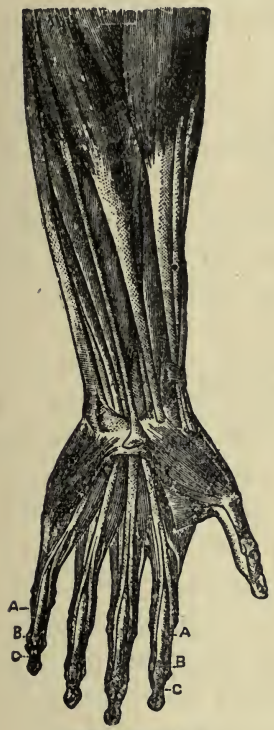
CHAPTER VII.

MUSCLES.

THE muscles are the flesh of the body. They consist of bundles of threads or fibres; between the fibres are blood-vessels and nerves.

FIG. 12.



Tendons of the hand.

When muscles are used to move parts of the body at some distance from them, they generally taper off into slender, tough cords called sinews, by means of which they are fastened to the distant bone to be moved. In fowls or turkeys some of these sinews may be changed into slender lines of bone which will be found attached at one end to the flesh or muscle. The "lean meat" which we eat is the flesh or muscle of the animal.

Cut, carefully, some boiled corned beef, and you can divide it into the little threads of which it is made. When people have

only small, thin muscles attached to their bones, they are weak and can not do much work.

In some parts of the body, fat lies over the muscles, and is, to some extent, mingled with them. A kind of web, called "connective-tissue," is found beneath the skin, containing the fat in its meshes and surrounding the muscles, bones, gristle and other organs.

EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION.

When a boy raises his fore-arm, saying, "Feel my muscle," each fibre of the muscle on the front of his upper arm has shortened and thickened. This pulls up his fore-arm.

When he stretches his arm, the fibres are lengthened and return to their natural shape, and a muscle on the back of the upper arm shortens and thickens in a similar way.

USES OF THE MUSCLES.

It is by means of the muscles that we keep erect, walk, run, leap, or move in any way. The motion of the many muscles of the face gives it variety of expression, showing the feelings of the mind.

Within the skeleton, in the cavities of the trunk, there are muscles at work, without which we could not live; for instance, the heart, that sends the blood all over the body, is a strong muscle; the outer coat of the stomach has a lining of muscular fibres.

VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY MUSCLES.

Some of the muscles, as those of the arm or face, we can move when we choose or will to do so; others, as the heart and diaphragm, keep at work without any thought of ours. The heart and some other muscles will not stop by wishing them to stop.

The first are called voluntary muscles; the last, involuntary muscles.

HYGIENE OF THE MUSCLES.

Good food, pure air, and proper exercise, are necessary for muscular health. Long disuse of a muscle wastes it away. Exercise causes fibres to increase in size and strength.

But too much, or too violent exercise is dangerous, and it is wrong to work so hard as to be always exhausted. Variety of exercise rests the muscles.

One who has been working with hands, or brain, all day, will be rested by a brisk out-door walk. When one has been using his lower limbs for some time, they are tired; if he then sits down, and uses his arms, or hands, and thus rests the muscles of his legs, or uses his brain in thinking or reading, he will feel refreshed.

Brisk exercise should not be taken just before, nor after a full meal. Exercise out-doors is better than exercise in-doors, and should be taken daily by all who would have good health.

KINDS OF EXERCISE.

Playing ball, rolling hoop, throwing bean-bags, coasting, skating, and swimming, are capital forms of exercise, if not carried too far.

Jumping the rope is not good exercise, for it jars the body too much, while there is great danger of catching the feet in the rope and so getting a hard fall, and, perhaps, a broken limb.

Sawing wood, and keeping the wood-box and coal-hod filled, running home-errands with happy faces and light hearts, are healthful ways of exercise.

Cheerfulness is a great help to exercise. Whistling or singing is a good sign in a working boy or girl.

ALCOHOL AND THE MUSCLES.

Press your finger on lean beef before it is cooked, and notice how the part touched springs back when you take your finger away.

Do the same with fat meat, and you will find that a deeper dent stays there. If the flesh in your body, like the fat, could not contract, you would not be able to move.

Beer, gin, wine, cider and all alcoholic drinks tend more or less to change the muscles themselves to fat and to load the connective-tissue also with fat.

The muscles cannot move and work properly, when thus changed; not only does this fat prevent their healthy action, but it is made from waste matter that should be sent out of the body.

Beer is especially bad in this respect. Beer drinkers think they are growing strong because they grow stout. But they are only loading their tissues with this useless fat, which hurts instead of helping them.

Beer-drinkers often die from a certain kind of heart disease, called "fatty heart." The poor heart is not only clogged by the surrounding fat, but is also weakened by the fatty degeneration of its muscle, and the more beer one drinks, the greater the increase of fat. The heart bears this abuse as long as it can, and then it stops—the drinker is dead.

LIFE AND DEATH.

Let us try to see with "the mind's eye," the bones, the gristle, the muscles, the tendons and connective-tissue, the cavities of the head, chest, and abdomen with their organs; remember, as we look, that these are all bound together in one life.

The most wonderful thing in the living body is the mind or soul. We think at once, when we see a dead body: "How still and cold it is!" Bodily warmth and motion show life; but what life is, we have no means of knowing.

Our present study will teach us how to preserve it, and how to keep our bodies strong and healthy.

So important a subject should receive the careful attention of every one, and the rules that are of benefit to health ought to be followed.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. What are muscles? Describe their structure.
2. How are muscles fastened to the bones?
3. Where is the fat of the body?
4. What is connective-tissue?
5. How do the muscles act in moving the limbs?
6. What is the special work of the muscles on the outside of the skeleton?
7. Give examples of those muscles within the skeleton.
8. Name the two classes of muscles, and define each kind.
9. What things are needed for the production of healthy muscular-tissue?
10. What are the dangers connected with exercise?
11. Is overwork wise or right?
12. How may one rest and yet keep at work?
13. When is brisk exercise unhealthful?
14. What is said of out-door exercise?
15. Name some healthful kinds of exercise.
16. How does cheerfulness help the muscles?
17. State one difference between flesh and fat.
18. How is the action of the poison, alcohol, likely to affect muscular-tissue?
19. Does an increase of flesh always mean an increase of health? Why?
20. What is said of beer as a drink?
21. How may a "fatty heart" be caused?
22. State difference between living and dead bodies.
23. What reasons can you give for studying physiology?
24. Of what kind of meat are the muscles formed?
25. Show how the size of muscles affects one's strength.
26. What is the effect of disuse upon a muscle?
27. How does variety of exercise affect the muscles?
28. What are the best times for exercise?
29. How does an increase of fat sometimes affect the heart?

CHAPTER VIII.

FOOD.

FOOD is any substance which can be taken into the body and used for its health, life and growth. We must have daily food to repair the daily waste of our bodies, to keep them warm, and in childhood and youth to make them grow.

SOURCES OF FOOD.

The earth and the air contain the materials on which our lives depend. But most of these materials must be changed in form, before they are fit for us to eat.

We hold in the hand a grain of wheat. It has no sign of life; no leaves show that it can drink in moisture and sunlight. Its outer husk is hard and dry. It seems no more alive than the grains of sand on which we are standing.

Put it into well-prepared ground. By the help of the sun, air and moisture it sends out rootlets into the dark earth, green shoots break through the soil and the stem lengthens. By-and-by a graceful plume, loaded with the grain that is to make our bread, trembles in the breeze.

Down in the meadow is a beautiful carpet of green grass. It is a good place for play, but you could not

eat the grass; you would starve to death if you had nothing else.

But that grass is growing, in order to make food for you. Cattle are feeding on it; it goes into their bodies, and out of it are made the milk you drink so freely, and the flesh which may come to your table as roast beef or beefsteak.

We eat, unchanged, a few inorganic substances, or substances which have never had life, such as water and salt; but most of our food is organic—has been living. It has been prepared by plants from the earth and air, or by animals who by their own eating and living have changed vegetable into animal matter.

KINDS OF FOOD.

Our food is divided into three great classes:

1st. Mineral food.

2d. Food like the whites of eggs, or lean meat, which is needed for the growth or repair of the various parts of the body; it is sometimes called tissue-making food.

3d. Fats or oils, starch and sugar.

MINERAL FOOD.

This includes all inorganic substances that we eat unchanged, together with some that we get in other kinds of food. The most important of these are water and salt.

If a person weigh 100 pounds, about 70 pounds of this weight is water, "quite enough, if rightly arranged, to drown him."

Much of this is in the blood, some in the muscles, some in the tears, and the rest in other parts of the body, as you will learn by further study. It dissolves other food, so that the body can use it, and helps to regulate the heat of the system and remove the waste of the body.

We must have water to drink, and it should be pure and good. Death from thirst is quicker and more painful than death from lack of food.

We do not drink all the water which the body requires; for a large part of the amount needed we get in the food itself, as in milk, fruits, vegetables, juices of meat, and water used in cooking soups and sauces.

PURITY OF WATER.

Water that runs through lead pipes, is very likely to dissolve some of the lead, if it stands in the pipes for any length of time.

Lead is a very sure poison. Care must be taken to draw off all the water that has so stood, in order to avoid danger. You will learn more about poisoned water in the chapter on respiration.

SALT.

Watch the sheep when the farmer "salts" them and see how eager they are for the treat. Salt is necessary

to man, as well as to the lower animals; but it exists naturally in most food-materials. A moderate amount of it as seasoning makes our food more agreeable and healthful.

LIME, PHOSPHORUS AND IRON.

The bones need lime, the brain requires phosphorus, and the blood must have iron in order to be perfectly healthy

But we cannot eat clear lime, phosphorus, or iron. We must get them by eating vegetables which have taken these minerals from the ground and made them into material fit for our use, or by eating the flesh of animals which have fed upon such vegetables.

TISSUE-MAKING FOODS.

Among the most important of these are milk and the grains; they are found, too, in eggs and the different kinds of meat.

Wheat and oats contain more of these foods than other common grains, and bread made from these grains is most nutritious.

FATS OR OILS, STARCH AND SUGAR.

These are used, in part, for the growth and repair of the body; but they are of especial use in keeping the body warm.

THE FATS OR OILS.

These are found in both animal and vegetable food; for example: beef and mutton suets, the cream of milk, the yolks of eggs, Indian corn and butter.

People who live in cold climates need and crave much of this kind of food.

A story is told of some English sailors who prepared a "Christmas tree," as a treat for a company of Esquimaux children. As no suitable tree could be had, they made an imitation one, by tying together walrus bones, shaping the whole to look as much as possible like a tree.

Instead of candy, they made some balls of whale blubber and hung them on the "tree." The children were delighted and ate the balls of fat as eagerly as you eat your Christmas candies.

Some food of this kind is necessary; and, if one does not like it, he should learn to eat enough of it for health.

Those who do not eat fats of any kind are usually thin and unhealthy, and likely to have some serious disease, as scrofula or consumption, even while young. Butter may be used instead of fat meat, if preferred. On the other hand, too much fat must not be eaten; a naturally fleshy person requires less than the average amount.

STARCH.

Starch forms a large part of most grains, seeds, roots, and unripe fruits. As you know, it must be cooked, or, in fruits and nuts, ripened, before it is fit for food.

Corn-starch and potato-starch are in common use by the cook and laundress. Rice, the chief food of the people of India, China and Japan, is three-quarters starch. Unripe fruits, as green apples, contain so much starch that they are very likely to make you sick if you eat them uncooked.

All starchy foods, as those from the grains, require long and thorough cooking to make them more easily digested and more nourishing.

Gum resembles starch, but is less nutritious. Some kinds, as gum arabic, are used for food in Eastern countries.

SUGAR.

Sugar is an important article of food; but a person would, in time, starve to death if fed alone on either sugar or starch.

Too much sugar is often eaten in the form of candy, and does much harm when eaten between meals. Injurious substances are often put into candy, to give it color or increase its weight. The results of eating much candy are a "sour stomach," "bad breath," and other serious troubles.

The coloring matter in candies is often really poisonous, and even the white candy, usually considered the purest, is sometimes largely made of "terra alba" (ter'ra al'ba), a kind of white earth.

Put a piece of candy into a tumbler with a little water; if it is not pure, when the sugar has dissolved, the terra alba will sink to the bottom of the tumbler in the form of a white powder.

Thus, you can easily prove whether you are eating sugar, or a substance that is worse than useless, because it clogs the body.

MILK.

Milk is the only food provided by nature for young children. Since the child lives and grows upon it, we should expect milk to contain, as it does, the different classes of food.

The cream is fat, or heat-forming substance; the curd, which can be pressed into cheese, belongs to the tissue-making foods; there is enough sugar to give it a sweet taste, and it contains lime and other minerals needed to sustain healthy life, besides water, of which it has 88 parts in 100.

WHAT TO EAT.

Most people in temperate climates eat both animal and vegetable food. You will usually find the three great classes of food on the dinner-tables of your homes.

Water and salt are mineral foods; potatoes and meat, heat and tissue-making foods. Most persons crave the fat in the form of butter with the starch of bread.

Pepper, mustard and vinegar are not needed in building up the body, and should be very sparingly used if at all. Probably a perfectly natural and healthful appetite would not crave them.

If the system needs acids, lemons and limes, which are more healthful than vinegar, may be eaten. Fresh, ripe fruit, which generally contains some acid, is wholesome when too much is not taken.

TEA AND COFFEE.

The value of these to adults is doubted by many wise physicians. Certainly they are not necessary or safe drinks for children.

COOKING.

Health is, in great measure, dependent upon the way in which our food is cooked. Meat should be boiled, roasted, or broiled. Neither meat nor any other food is as likely to be easily digested when fried; heated fat hardens whatever is cooked in it, making it difficult of digestion.

To eat or drink what we know is unhealthful, because it tastes good, is not only foolish but wicked.

A cook who understands the laws of health, will not feed the family on hot bread, because it makes in

the stomach a pasty mass, which cannot be easily digested.

Instead of rich pastry and cake, heavy with fruit and spices, which overload the stomach and unfit it for proper work, she will prepare juicy meat, mealy potatoes, ripe fruit, and light sweet bread. The latter when it is made from the whole wheat, forms, with the addition of butter, and some water to satisfy thirst, a perfect food.

Fine wheat flour is not so nourishing for the brain and muscles, as that flour which contains some of the outer portion of the kernel. In "bolting," the phosphorus and much of the flesh-making part of the grain are lost.

FRUITS.

Ripe fruits, such as apples, oranges, bananas and berries, make the most healthful "dessert." The skins, cores and seeds should not be swallowed, as they are useless and may cause trouble if eaten.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. What is food?
2. State three ways in which it is used by our bodies.
3. What names are given to three classes of food?
4. Name the three principal mineral foods.
5. Do we need to drink all the water the body requires?
6. What care should be taken in the use of lead water-pipes?

7. How do we get salt, lime and other mineral substances for our bodies?
8. Name the principal tissue-making foods; heat-making foods.
9. Where are fats, or oils, found?
10. Is it necessary to eat fat of some kind?
11. How is starch made fit for food?
12. Why is green food likely to make one sick?
13. What are the results of eating too much sugar?
14. Show that all three classes of food are contained in milk.
15. Are pepper, mustard and vinegar essential to health?
16. Why should a cook understand the laws of health?
17. Why is whole wheat flour better food than finely bolted flour?

CHAPTER IX.

ARE NARCOTICS FOODS?

IS ALCOHOL FOOD?

A PERFECT food, as we have seen in the case of milk, contains water, tissue-making and heat-making materials.

Alcohol is not a food, for it can not build up any part of the body. It contains no mineral substance, and will not make healthy fat.

Materials in the blood which should make muscles, bone, etc., as well as those which should be sent out of the body, are sometimes changed into useless fat by the action of alcohol. The heat of the body is lessened by alcohol, instead of being increased.

IS BEER FOOD?

Beer is made from water, malt, hops and yeast. Water can be obtained better and cheaper elsewhere. The starch of the grain, you remember, was changed into sugar by malting, and the sugar turned into alcohol by fermentation, thus losing its food nature.

The gummy substance left after the starch turned to sugar and then to alcohol, and the hops, may contain a slight amount of material that the body can use; but the amount of food in beer is so very small, as scarcely to be worth taking into account in speaking of its effects.

"As much flour as can lie on the point of a table-knife is more nutritious than eight quarts of the best Bavarian beer." (*Liebig*).

A man gets one glass of pure alcohol in every twenty glasses of lager-beer that he drinks; in the stronger beers, one glass of alcohol to thirteen of beer.

There is no truth, you see, in the claim that beer makes one stronger. There is no food in it worth mentioning, and its alcohol does a vast amount of harm.

IS WINE FOOD?

A few raisins contain more nourishment than much wine. Sugar in fruit juice becomes alcohol by fermentation; it is the alcohol, which is not food, that the wine-drinker wants. Often more alcohol is added to the wine made from pure fruit juice, to satisfy the craving for a stronger drink.

The more sugar there is in a liquid undergoing vinous fermentation, the more alcohol will it produce. Sweet apples and sweet grapes make strong cider and strong wine. Currant, gooseberry, elderberry and other

home-made wines, sometimes contain even more alcohol than the wines of commerce, because sugar is added to the fermenting juices.

Cider and these home-made wines contain the merest trifle of food-material, and are no more "innocent drinks" than port and champagne (sham-pan'). The poison, alcohol, is there, ready to do its usual work.

People not only become intoxicated by drinking these wines, but by their use a craving is often created for stronger drinks—that is, those which contain more alcohol.

By drinking a larger quantity of the weaker liquors, the user gets the alcohol his increasing appetite demands. This is especially true of beer-drinkers.

IS CIDER FOOD?

Cider is a fermented drink, made from the juice of apples. In the open air, at summer heat, apple-juice begins to ferment in about six hours after it is drawn off from the pulp, and sometimes sooner.

A little juice often remains in the cider-mill after a previous grinding. If this ferments and is allowed to remain, it will act as yeast, hastening fermentation in the juice of the next lot of apples ground.

When little bubbles begin to pass through the liquid and break at the top, as the froth gathers, we may

know that the sugar is turning to alcohol. The bubbles are the escaping carbonic acid gas.

If the apples are fairly sweet, alcohol will form until in twenty cups of hard cider there will be one cup of pure alcohol. Thus the barrel of cider that may possibly have been sweet when it was put into the cellar, gains in alcohol every day, until it begins to turn to vinegar.

Cider is mainly water and alcohol. As the latter is a poison, the old custom of considering the barrel of cider as important a part of the family food as the barrel of flour, had no truth for its foundation.

There is great danger that the cider drinker will learn to crave a stronger drink, because alcohol makes those who drink it thirsty for more. Many of those who die as drunkards in this country began their course at the cider barrel.

If the people who drink cider for its acid taste and effect, would take lemon or lime juice instead, they would get the acid without the poison of alcohol.

STIMULANTS.

If alcohol is a narcotic, why does it seem to excite?

Two facts explain this seeming contradiction.

1st. Every increase of the brain's supply of blood is followed by an increase in the activity of that organ.

2nd. Besides affecting other nerves (the inhibitory nerves) that influence the blood's circulation, alcohol

paralyzes the nerves in the walls of the blood-vessels that run in and out through the brain substance, and that should cause these vessels to contract and expand on the blood within them, regulating its flow. The blood-vessels stretch. Too much blood rushes to the brain, the eyes flash, the cheeks are bright, the words are rapid. But this excitement is untrustworthy. The judgment seems paralyzed also, and such a drinker often says and does what he would otherwise condemn.

Although people have called alcohol a stimulant, it gives the body no added strength; its only effect on pain and fatigue is the deadening of the nerves, so that one does not realize the disordered, exhausted condition of his body.*

The apparent increase of energy which alcohol gives is due to the partial paralysis of a certain class of nerves in the body, which act as its "brakes." Alcohol, therefore, is not a stimulant in the proper sense of that word.

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* Suppose, for instance, you measure your muscular strength with a health-lift, and then take some of the drink which you think will give you power. When you feel strong measure your strength again. The drink has fooled you, that is all. You felt that you were stronger than natural; you find that the narcotic has been true to its paralyzing nature and that you are weaker.

Then, after a time, when the drug has spent itself and you feel weak and prostrated, measure your strength once more. Fooled again; the stuff has fooled you twice. When you felt yourself strong, you were weak; and now, when you feel yourself weak, you find yourself really stronger, for your natural strength is returning.—*Adapted from Dr. A. F. Kinne.*

ALCOHOL AND WORK.

A vessel coming from Australia sprung a leak soon after starting, and the men had to work at the pumps all the way home.

At first, regular rations of liquor were given, but the sailors soon began to grow weak and tired. Then the captain stopped the use of liquor, giving an extra supply of food instead. At once the men began to sleep well and to waken strong and rested.

In spite of the hard work at the pumps, the crew were in good health when they reached England. The liquor deadened—narcotized—the nerves which control muscular action, and the men lost strength thereby; the food furnished building material for their bodies and so increased their working power.

The following statement was made by Sir William Fairbairn, an eminent engineer of Manchester, England, when at the head of a firm employing between one and two thousand workmen:

"I strictly prohibit on my works the use of beer or fermented liquors of any sort, or of tobacco. I enforce the prohibition of alcoholic drinks so strongly, that if I found any man transgressing the rule in that respect, I would instantly discharge him."

The reasons for these measures are thus stated:

"In those foundries in which there is drinking throughout the works all day long, it is observed of

the men employed as workmen, that they do not work so well; their perceptions are clouded, and they are stupified and heavy.

"I have provided water for the use of the men in every department of the works. In summer-time, the men engaged in the strongest work, such as strikers to the heavy forges, drink water very copiously.

"I am convinced that workmen who drink water are really more active and do more work and are more healthy, than those who drink alcoholic liquors."

This is the testimony of all accurate observers.—*Dr. A. B. Palmer.*

Observation of the effects of alcohol shows us—

1st. That the healthy action of the muscles is hindered by the useless fat formed through the influence of alcohol.

2nd. That the nerves are deadened.

3rd. That strength is lost rather than gained by the drinking of alcoholic liquors.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. What does a perfect food contain?
2. Can alcohol do the work of any of the three classes of food?
3. How does it act to make one fleshy?
4. How does it affect the heat of the body?
5. Compare the food-materials in beer and bread?
6. How much alcohol is there in lager-beer?
7. How much in the stronger beers?
8. What harm may this do to the drinker?
9. How is wine made?

10. Do "home-made wines" contain alcohol?
11. Are they nourishing?
12. How is cider made?
13. How much alcohol is there in hard cider?
14. Is cider food?
15. Why do cider drinkers often become drunkards?
16. What acids are more healthful than cider?
17. Why has alcohol been called a stimulant?
18. What is its effect on pain and fatigue?
19. How does it seem to increase one's energy?
20. Why is alcohol not a true stimulant?
21. Does alcohol give strength for work? Illustrate.
22. Give Sir Wm. Fairbairn's statements in regard to the use of alcohol and tobacco by the men in his workshops.

CHAPTER X.

DIGESTION.

HUNGER and thirst are cries of the whole body for food and water, though only the throat seems to call for the water and the stomach for the food.

Digestion is the preparation of the food which has been taken into the stomach for the use of the body.

Many wonderful changes must take place before the beef, potatoes, bread, water and other food which we eat can become solid bone and liquid blood, strong muscle, working hand and thinking brain.

WASTE AND REPAIR.

Tearing down and building up—making and unmaking—these two processes are always going on within us.

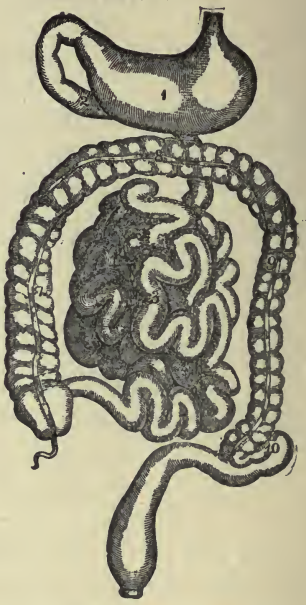
If you stand by a city market early on a summer morning, you may see carts bringing green peas, fresh meat, milk and other food from the country farms. Other carts, at the same time, are carrying off barrels of ashes, bones, scraps of food, and other waste matter. They will dump this stuff far enough from the city to prevent any harm to the people from its decay.

Work very much like this goes on in your body. There are certain vessels whose special duty it is to

carry the prepared food to the different organs, and others that are the scavengers of the human system.

If you should stop eating, you would starve to death in a short time; if you should keep the waste matter in your body, instead of letting it pass out through the skin, lungs, kidneys, and other organs, you would die even more quickly.

FIG. 13.



The stomach and intestines. 1, stomach; 3, small intestines; 7, 8, 9, 10, large intestines.

DIGESTIVE ORGANS.

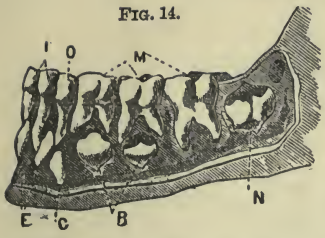
The principal organs of digestion are the mouth, gullet or esophagus (e soph' agus), stomach (stom'ach), and intestines (in tes'tines). Taken together, these are often called the food-canal.

This canal, in a full-grown person, is about thirty feet long. Here and there, beside it, are little fleshy bags called glands; these glands have the curious power of separating certain juices from the blood; this is called secretion (se cre'tion).

It is these juices which digest the food. A tongue much coated shows that other portions of the food-canal, as well as the part which we can see, are out of order.

THE TEETH.

FIG. 14.



The teeth at the age of six and one-half years. I, the cutting teeth; M, the grinding teeth; F, C, B, N, the new or second set of teeth.

The mouth, with its fixed roof and movable floor, takes in the food; the tongue, cheeks and jaws, move it backward and forward, up and down; the teeth cut and grind it. This should be well done, because the digestive juices can not mix quickly or properly with

FIG. 15.

Different kinds of Teeth.

lumps of food. A child has twenty teeth; these last for a few years, and are then pushed out by the growth of others behind them. This second set numbers thirty-two in all—sixteen in each jaw.

Those in front are sharp and of use in biting. The back teeth are broad and are much used in chewing;

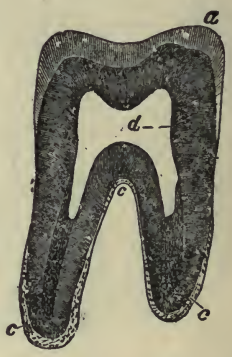
they are fastened into the jaws by two or three roots, while the front teeth have each but one root.

The bone of a tooth is covered with a hard, smooth coating, called enamel (en am'el), which protects it. If this enamel is broken in any way, the teeth are likely to decay and to cause a great deal of trouble and pain.

CARE OF THE TEETH.

If you wish to have good teeth and to escape the pains of tooth-ache—brush your teeth after each meal, and pick them, if necessary, to remove particles of food, with a wooden tooth-pick—never with a pin, lest you break the enamel. For the same reason, never use the teeth to crack nuts or bite thread. Particularly at night before retiring and in the morning, the teeth should be brushed both inside and outside, with, say, "precipitated" chalk, and then well rinsed. "Better to take pains than to have pains take you."

FIG. 16.



Vertical section of a molar tooth, moderately magnified: a, enamel of the crown, the lines of which indicate the arrangement of its columns; b, dentine; c, cement; d, pulp cavity.

It is very warm in the mouth—nearly 100° by the thermometer, (about 98.5°F. or 37°C.), as warm as the air on a hot July day. At that temperature, a piece of meat would spoil in twenty-four hours.

In eating, therefore, the little pieces which get between our teeth, if not removed, will soon begin to

decay in this warm place, and so injure the teeth and gums.

THE SALIVARY GLANDS.

Three pairs of glands—one near and below the ears,* one pair under the tongue, and one pair under the lower jaw—aided by other very small glands that line the inside of the cheeks pour out a juice called saliva (sa li'va), which not only moistens the food, but transforms some of its starch into sugar.

FIG. 17.

The parotid—one of the salivary glands.

This is the first of the great changes which take place in food during the process of digestion. You will see how important it is that the work of the saliva should be thoroughly done, when you remember that unchanged starch does not nourish the body; if not changed in the mouth, it must be changed, but with more difficulty, elsewhere in the food-canal.

"Washing down the food," even with pure water, will not take the place of slow eating, by which the starch is thoroughly mixed with the saliva and thus

* It is the glands under the ears—the parotid (pa rot' id) glands—that swell and are so painful when one has the mumps.

changed to sugar. Water simply moistens the food so that it can be more easily swallowed.

If the work of the mouth is but partly done, as by rapid eating, the other organs have more than their share to do; they may soon break down, and their owner suffers from dyspepsia (dys pep' si a), or some similar disease.

You may prove that starch is changed to sugar in the mouth by chewing slowly a piece of dry cracker and noticing how sweet it tastes.

To say that the "mouth waters" is often exactly true. When we think of some favorite food, especially if hungry, the glands may send an extra amount of saliva into the mouth, as if the food was there ready for its action.

TOBACCO AND THE MOUTH.

Sores on the lips, and even cancers, sometimes result from the use of tobacco; the breath, foul and repulsive, shows the condition of the stomach, the tissues, and the blood; the gums of smokers and chewers often become spongy, and their teeth are soiled and dark, instead of being white and pure.

The effect of the poison is to make the mouth dry, thus causing an extra amount of saliva to be poured out from the glands. But the constant spitting of the tobacco juice robs one of the saliva needed for digestion, and thus brings on dyspepsia.

Besides doing this harm to the user, the habit of spitting is a very impolite one. It makes floors and sidewalks unfit for cleanly people to walk on, and endangers the clothing of all who are near.

A man who should spit directly at another would be thought very insulting. Is he respecting the rights of others, though he may not intend to insult them, when he sends the foul juice a little to one side—or where they must tread at the next step?

In many cases tobacco acts as the usher at the door of the saloon, because the dryness of the mouth which it produces makes the user thirsty. But it is not a natural thirst; it cannot be satisfied by water; for tobacco so affects the nerves, as often to make one crave another narcotic.

Those in charge of inebriate asylums say that nearly all their patients have been users of tobacco as well as of alcohol.

THE ESOPHAGUS.

When divided by the teeth, and softened and changed by the saliva, the food is ready to be swallowed, or sent into the esophagus, the passage-way to the stomach.

Look at the throat of a horse when he is drinking, and you will see the motion of the ring-shaped muscles of this tube.

Food and drink do not simply slide down the esophagus; a horse often bends his head when he drinks, so that his mouth is really lower than his stomach.

The muscles which surround the esophagus in rings, contract, one after the other, and push the food gently onward. For this reason, a juggler is able to perform the common trick of drinking a glass of water while standing on his head.

THE STOMACH.

The stomach is a strong muscular bag in the left side of the abdomen (ab do' men). Its inner lining has many glands, in which is formed from the blood a fluid, called gastric juice. In this is a substance named pepsin (pep' sin), which is the chief agent in digesting the flesh-making parts of our food.

The next coat contains muscular fibres. These stretch and shrink in such a way that the food is gently moved from one end of the stomach to the other, and so forced to mix with the gastric juice.

A portion of the starch and sugar, if properly prepared in the mouth, is ready for use when it enters the stomach. This is at once taken up by tiny blood-vessels, carried to the liver, and then to the heart. The process by which food-materials enter the blood, is called absorption (ab sorp' shun).

When the work of the stomach is ended, the food which is left is a grayish fluid, called chyme (kime). It consists largely of the tissue-making substances, and the fats that have been eaten. A part of the starch and sugar, after being prepared in the mouth, has already entered the blood.

THE INTESTINES.

This part of the food-canal is a small tube, about twenty-five feet long in an adult, coiled very closely in the abdomen. You will understand it better by looking at the intestines of a chicken, when the cook is "drawing" it in the kitchen.

Much remains to be done before the chyme is ready to enter the blood. The glands of the intestines are helped by two other glands which lie in the abdomen, one on the right side of the body—the liver, and the other towards the left—the pancreas (pan' cre as).

These send into the intestines, through small tubes, the bile and pancreatic (pan cre at' ic) juice, which with the intestinal juices, divide and prepare the fats.

If the mouth or the stomach has failed in any part of its work, these juices in the intestines do their best to complete the task. They can often do but little, however, and so we may lose part of the value of the food.

When fully digested the milky mass is called chyle (kile), and is ready to enter the blood. It does this by soaking through the thin walls of blood-vessels and tiny tubes called lacteals (lac'te als).

STEPS OF DIGESTION.

In a large factory, each man has a special task to perform; the spinners do not attend to the looms, the weavers have nothing to do in the engine-room. So in the body—each part has its own work.

The saliva, to some extent, digests the starch foods. The gastric juice digests the tissue-making foods. The bile and pancreatic juice digest the fats and continue the digestion of the other foods.

If one must eat rapidly, as at a railroad station, the meal should be mainly of meat, as that will give strength and need not be mixed with the saliva for digestion.

The heat of the stomach must be over 100°, in order to digest the food properly. Ice-water at once lowers the temperature; if taken too freely at meals, the stomach must stop working until it can get "warmed up" again. Such delays in the process of digestion are injurious.

MEALS.

Most healthy persons have three meals a day, at intervals of five or six hours. Since the stomach, like other muscles, needs rest, one should not eat between meals. The mind either helps or hinders the body: the food digests much more readily if there is pleasant, cheerful thought and talk at the table.

An old Eastern story tells of a stranger who met the Plague coming from Bagdad.

"You have been committing great havoc there," said the trader, pointing to the city.

"Not so great," replied the Plague; "I killed only one-third of those who died; the other two-thirds killed themselves with fright."

ALCOHOL AND THE STOMACH.

As soon as alcohol enters this organ it is hurried on into the blood-vessels; for the stomach knows it can not be digested, and is useless to the body. But the very short time it stays there, is enough to cause great harm.

It cannot pass through the thin walls of the capillaries unless mixed with water. It needs even more water than was contained in the liquors which were drunk; so it shrinks and thickens the delicate lining of the stomach, by robbing it of its moisture. In health this lining is slightly red, tinged with yellow.

The blood does not move properly, or as it should, in the blood-vessels of even the "moderate drinker," and those in the stomach soon become swollen. In the drunkard, the case is likely to be still worse; for sores sometimes appear on the walls of the stomach. If one stops drinking liquors which contain alcohol, these will be cured. They do not pain the drinker as they would if on the surface of the body, for reasons which you will understand when you study the nerves.

Sickness, thirst, headache, coated tongue, feverish pulse, go with these conditions of the stomach. The only possible cure is to stop drinking liquor at once and forever.

There is enough alcohol in strong spirits to harden the tissue-making foods, which must be changed to a

liquid form in the stomach before they can be absorbed.

Alcohol, of any considerable strength, separates the pepsin from the gastric juice and prevents its proper action on the food.

Dr. Munro, of England, proved this by an interesting experiment. He put equal quantities of finely-minced beef into three bottles. Then into one he poured water and gastric juice from the stomach of a calf; into another, alcohol with gastric juice; and into the third, pale ale and gastric juice.

The bottles were kept at the same heat as the human stomach and the contents moved about like those of that organ.

The following table shows the result:

Finely Minced Beef.	*2nd Hour*	*4th Hour*	*6th Hour.*	*8th Hour.*	*10th Hour.*
1st Bottle. Gastric juice and water.	Beef becomes opaque.	Beef separating.	Beef much less in quantity.	Beef brok'n into shreds.	Beef dissolved as in soup.
2nd Bottle. Gastric juice and alcohol.	No change.	No change.	Slight coating on beef.	No change.	Beef solid on cooling. Pepsin separated from the gastric juice.
3rd Bottle. Gastric juice and ale.	No change.	Cloudy with coating on beef.	Beef partly loosened.	No change.	Beef not digested. Pepsin eparated from the gastric juice

Study this table carefully, and see how the clear alcohol and that in the ale, destroyed the power of the gastric juice, by taking out the pepsin from it. It often has a similiar effect on that in the stomach, though it remains there but a short time.

SEEING DIGESTION.

By this time you wonder, perhaps, how all these things are known, when the stomach is covered up in the body.

Some of them the doctors have learned by studying the stomachs of dead persons. But there has been one good chance to look into a live man's stomach and see what was going on there.

In 1822, a man named Alexis St. Martin, was shot in his left side. When the wound healed, it left a passage through which one could look directly into the stomach.

By this means, the doctor who had charge of him learned much about the digestion of food, and the effects of alcohol upon the stomach. Later experiments upon the stomachs of living men and of the lower animals, have taught us much more on this subject.

TOBACCO AND THE STOMACH.

As already said, the nicotine of tobacco is almost sure to cause sickness of the stomach and vomiting in those who are just beginning to use the poison. It injures the lining of the stomach, hinders the flow of

the gastric juice, and in this manner seriously interferes with digestion.

Dr. B. W. Richardson says: "One who smokes a pipe is very likely to have dyspepsia."

OPIUM, CHLORAL, AND THE STOMACH.

The stomach of the opium-eater, and of the user of chloral, soon has its digestive power impaired.

OTHER ORGANS OF THE ABDOMEN.

THE LIVER.

This is the largest organ in the body and one of the most important. It fills the whole of the right and upper side of the abdomen. One part of its work is to secrete the bile, or gall, used in digestion.

This juice, when not needed, is stored in a little sac, called the gall bladder. It is of a dark yellow color, and "bitter as gall" is a common proverb.

The liver also changes in some way not clearly understood, the chyme brought to it from the stomach, and aids in the manufacture of blood and in the preparation of worn-out materials for removal from the body.

ALCOHOL AND THE LIVER.

While we can not fully explain all its action, we know that diseases of the liver affect all the other organs.

More alcohol goes to the liver and brain than to any other parts of the body. By it the gall may be

changed from yellow to green or black, and from a thin fluid to a thick one.

The liver itself often becomes twice its natural size; in other cases it is filled with useless fat, like the muscles. When rough and shrunken, with hard lumps or knots, it is called by the English, "hobnailed," or "gin liver." This condition is caused chiefly by alcohol and is incurable.

The coal-heavers of London drink a great deal of gin, whiskey and ale. They seem strong, but they often sicken and die from a mere scratch. Their blood is so poisoned from their diseased livers that the wound festers, does not readily heal, and frequently proves fatal.

THE KIDNEYS.

These are two oval glands at the back of the abdomen, that take a large part of the waste matter out of the body.

ALCOHOL AND THE KIDNEYS.

A serious, because usually fatal, disease of the kidneys is called "Bright's disease." This may be caused in many ways; but it is most often the result of alcoholic drinks, especially if combined with exposure to wet and cold.

"**Water** supplies every necessity as a liquid for the body."*

Alcohol can not be used by it as a fluid.

Water dissolves other foods.

*Dr. B. W. Richardson.

Alcohol hardens tissue-making foods, and has no power to dissolve any of the food materials.

Water helps the digestive juices.

The continued use of alcohol interferes with digestion.

Water carries the digested foods into the blood.

Alcohol hinders the digested foods from entering the blood.

Water is the proper liquid of the blood.

Alcohol is injurious to the blood.

Water satisfies our thirst.

Alcohol does not satisfy thirst, but creates a strong craving for itself.

Water, taken in proper quantities, is a healthful food.

Alcohol, taken in any quanity, injures the body in proportion to the amount taken.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. What is digestion?
2. What two kinds of work go on in the body?
3. What would happen if you were to stop taking food?—if yo should prevent the waste matter from leaving your body?
4. Why is a child's face plump, and an old man's wrinkled?
5. Name the organs of digestion?
6. What are glands, and what is their work?
7. How many teeth has a child?—an adult?
8. Describe the teeth?
9. How should the teeth be taken care of?
10. Where are the salivary glands?
11. What is the action of the saliva on the food?

12. Prove that starch may be changed to sugar in the mouth.
13. What are the effects of tobacco on the mouth?
14. What do you think of the habit of spitting?
15. What is the relation of tobacco to alcohol?
16. How do we swallow our food?
17. Describe the stomach. Name its digestive juice.
18. What is the action of the gastric juice on the food?
19. What is absorption?
20. What kinds of food enter the blood from the stomach?
21. Describe the intestines.
22. What juices mix with the partly-digested food in the intestines?
23. What is their action on the food?
24. How does the chyle enter the blood-vessels and lacteals?
25. State the steps of digestion.
26. If obliged to eat in haste, what food would you choose? Why?
27. What is the effect of drinking large quantities of ice-water?
28. How often should one eat?
29. Why should the meal-time be made a pleasant time?
30. How does alcohol often affect the walls of the stomach?
31. What is its effect on the gastric juice? Illustrate by Dr. Munroe's experiment.
32. Give the story of Alexis St. Martin.
33. What are the effects of tobacco, opium and chloral on the stomach?

OTHER ORGANS OF THE ABDOMEN.

34. Describe the liver;—the gall.
35. What are the effects of alcohol on the liver and gall?
36. What is the "gin liver?"
37. Why are slight wounds often dangerous to drinking men?
38. What is a common effect of alcohol on the kidneys?
39. Contrast the effects of water and alcohol.

CHAPTER XI.

RESPIRATION.

INSPIRATION AND EXPIRATION.

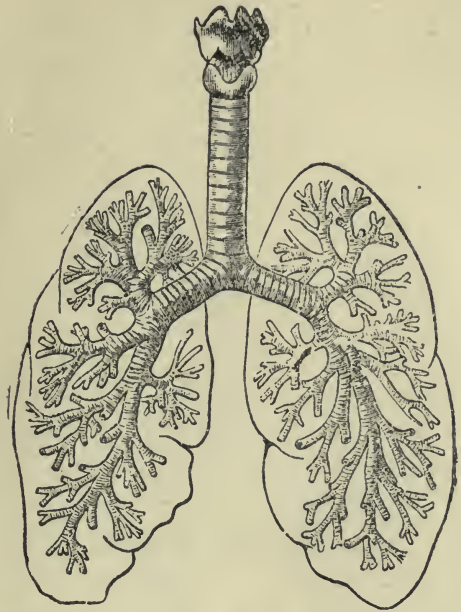
PLACE your hands firmly against your sides, and draw long, deep breaths. Notice that the side walls of your chest are not fixed, but move out and in as you breathe, about eighteen times a minute.

Hold your hand close before your face, and you will feel a current of air upon it, as the ribs move in. Breathe upon a mirror, and a thin film of water covers it, coming from your breath. On a cold winter day, this partly freezes, and you say you can "see your breath."

The diaphragm is a strong muscle which forms the partition between the chest and the abdomen. When it moves downward and the ribs are raised outward and upward, a vacuum tends to be formed, and the air enters your chest through the organs of breathing; this is called inspiration (in spi ra'tion.)

When the ribs return into position, and the diaphragm is moved upward, the air is forced out, bringing with it watery vapor, carbonic acid gas and other waste material; this is called expiration (ex pi ra'tion). Taken together, these make up breathing or respiration (res pi-ra'tion.)

FIG. 18.



The lungs, showing the larynx. A, the windpipe; B, the bronchial tubes.

ORGANS OF BREATHING.

The organs of breathing are the nose and mouth, through which air enters the body, the larynx (lar'ynx), windpipe, bronchial (bron'ki al) tubes, and lungs.

LARYNX AND WINDPIPE.

From the back of the mouth, the air passes down a straight tube at the front of the neck, called the windpipe or trachea (tra'ke a). This is made of ring-shaped cartilages and is easily felt through the skin of the

neck. Its upper end is the larynx, the organ of voice.

The larynx swells out at the front, is larger in men than in women, and is sometimes called "Adam's apple." It is a tube-like box, formed by the union of gristle and elastic parts, and is covered by a movable lid, called the epiglottis (ep i glot'tis). This is open when we breathe, so that the air can enter. When we swallow, the epiglottis closes the entrance to the windpipe, and the food passes over it to the esophagus.

Sometimes we try to swallow and breathe at the same time; then this little cover does not shut down quickly enough to prevent particles of food or drink from going "the wrong way." The windpipe can not bear this and we have to cough them out at once, if possible; if not, we are "choked."

VOCAL CORDS.

Voice sound is caused by the air moving strong bands of membrane, called vocal cords, which are at the top of the larynx. The lips, teeth, and other organs, help us in talking by making certain changes in the sound.

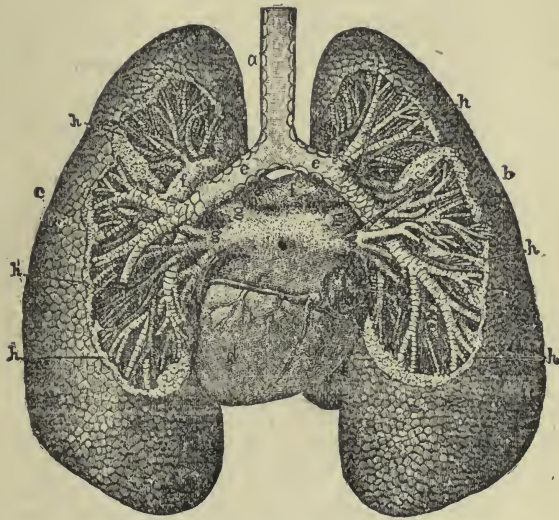
BRONCHIAL TUBES AND LUNGS.

The lower end of the trachea separates into two branches, one of which is sent to each lung; these branches, called bronchi, subdivide into many bronchial tubes.

These tubes divide and divide again as the branch of a tree breaks up into smaller twigs. They end in very small sacs, or cells, into which the air passes.

Get a piece of a lung of an ox from the butcher and put it into a pail of water. Its little cells are so filled with air that it floats like cork.

FIG. 19.



Interweaving of the air tubes and blood-vessels in the lungs.

a. *Windpipe.*
b, c, *Right and left lung.*
d. *Heart.*
e, e. *Divisions of the great air-tubes going to the right lung and the left lung.*
f, f. *Arteries carrying the blood from the heart to the lungs.*
g, g. *Veins carrying the blood from the lungs to the heart.*
h, h, h, h. *Air-cells at the terminations of the air-tubes.*

THE CILIA.

On the walls of the bronchial tubes are minute thread-like bodies, called cilia (cil' i a). These move back and forth, with a sweeping motion outwards, and help

to prevent dust from entering the lungs with the air, and to carry it out with the mucus (mu'cus) when it does get in.

WORK OF THE LUNGS.

A network of tiny blood-vessels, or capillaries (cap'-il la riz) covers the outside of the lung-cells. Having thin walls like the cells, the blood which they carry is brought close to the air in the lungs. By this means a strange and important change takes place.

Certain waste matters, including carbonic acid and watery vapor pass from the blood through the walls of the capillaries and lung-cells into the air, and are breathed out at the next expiration. At the same time the blood takes a part of the air, called oxygen (ox'i jen), which it needs for its own use.

It is this exchange of impurities for oxygen that changes the dark, blue blood that was sent to the lungs from one side of the heart, to the bright red blood that is ready to nourish the body, and is returned to the other side of the heart, from which it is sent out by the arteries.

This work goes on all the time, whether we are awake or asleep, and without our thought. If, in order to breathe, we had to think about it, we should have little time for anything else; and if we forgot it, and so stopped breathing, we should soon die.

HOW TO BREATHE.

Air should enter the lungs through the nose instead of through the mouth. Even when running, if possible, keep the mouth closed. Fewer impurities will pass into the lungs by so doing, and in cold weather the air is slightly warmed before reaching them, making one less likely to "take cold."

Sometimes, as in running, the heart beats so rapidly that the lungs can not keep up with it and supply air enough for the blood; then we are "out of breath."

HYGIENE OF BREATHING.

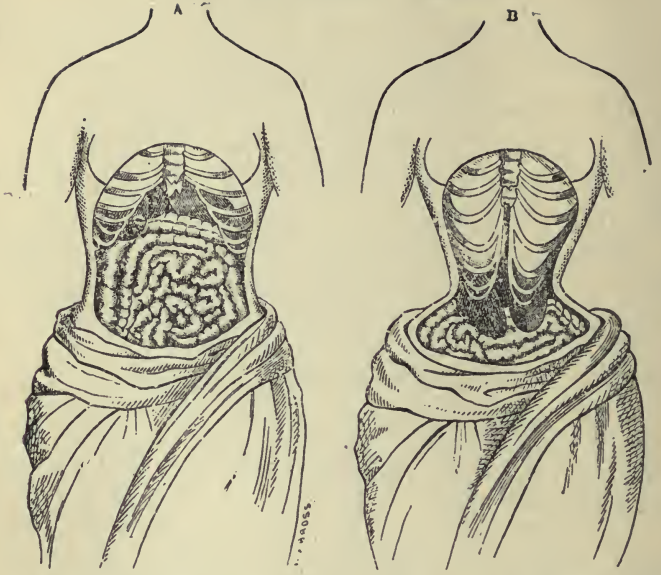
As the muscular walls of the chest and abdomen help in the act of breathing, nothing should prevent their free movement.

For this reason, garments worn about the waist, such as corsets and belts, should never be tight. They are sure to do harm by crowding the lungs, thus partly stopping the breath, and by pressing out of place the organs of the abdomen.

Among the many causes of consumption is tight lacing. A small, pinched waist shows that its owner is either ignorant or foolish—perhaps both.

The weight of the clothing should not rest on the hips, pressing the muscles of the abdomen, but be held by shoulder-straps, or by waists kept up by shoulder-straps. Round shoulders, by pressing the lungs out of their proper position, are friends of consumption.

FIG. 20.



A, the natural position of the internal organs. B, when deformed by tight lacing. In this way the liver and the stomach have been forced downward, as seen in the cut.

DISEASES.

Bronchitis (bron ki'tis) is a disease of the bronchial tubes, pleurisy (plu'ri sy) of the pleura, the delicate membrane covering the lungs; pneumonia (nu mo'nia) and consumption affect the lungs themselves, and croup is a disease of the larynx and windpipe.

All these dangers may be largely avoided by wearing sufficient clothing, by being careful not to "take cold," by eating proper food, and by living in houses that are

dry, clean, light, well-warmed and well-aired, and built in healthy places.

VENTILATION.

Ventilation is the removal of impure or poisoned air from buildings and the supplying of fresh air in its place.

CAUSES OF IMPURE AIR.

In a pleasant village, a few years ago, stood a large house, of which people were afraid, because all who tried to live there sickened, and some of them died.

But one day, a stranger looked over the grounds and house, then bought the estate and ordered repairs; when these were finished, his family moved in, and were healthy and happy there.

The secret of the change lay in the owner's knowledge of the laws of health. He provided a supply of pure water for family use, to take the place of that from the old well into which the drainage soaked. Decaying vegetables, old boards, ancient brooms, and other rubbish in various stages of slimy rottenness, were cleared out of the cellar, from which they had been sending poisonous gases through the house.

A long drain was built to carry the dish-water out into the garden; and refuse matter from the table, such as broken bits of meat and skins of fruit and vegetables, was burned in the kitchen range, not thrown out at the back door and left to decay.

The neighbors no longer feared the house, but fol-

lowed the example of its new owner. Gravel and concrete paths and sidewalks replaced those of decaying boards, and piles of old saw-dust from the sheds went to feed furnace fires.

At last, typhoid fever, diphtheria, and malaria, almost disappeared from that locality, because their causes were so largely removed.

Remember that air which contains decaying animal and vegetable matter, is not fit to breathe; and that water, under the same conditions, is not fit to drink. It is well that winds blow poisonous gases away, that the falling rains wash the air clean, and that plants live on carbonic acid which, in sufficient quantity, is fatal to animal life.

VENTILATION OF BUILDINGS.

Waste matter from the body is always passing off by means of the skin and lungs; fires, whether for lighting or heating, send out carbonic acid; sweeping and the tread of feet set free dust and bits of wool from the carpets.

Unless great pains are taken to keep the air in our houses, school-rooms, halls, and churches, fit for breathing, we poison ourselves.

Janitors of churches, school-rooms, and other public buildings, should never close doors and windows, as soon as an audience has passed out, and shut up the poisoned air to be breathed over again the next time the room is used.

The air in such rooms in cold weather is really carbonic acid gas and other impurities "warmed over." Doors and windows should be opened on opposite sides, until the fresh air has taken the place of that in the room.

No lesson, sermon, lecture, or concert, can be understood or enjoyed by a sleepy, heedless audience—sleepy and heedless because of the poisoned air it has taken into its lungs.

The headache which we so often have in ill-ventilated rooms, is the common result of re-breathing carbonic acid and other impurities. Thus we see that good studying, preaching, and teaching, as well as good health, are dependent on good air.

Special care should be taken in the ventilation of sleeping-rooms. Leave a close room in which you have spent the night, for a brisk walk in the open air—then return to it again.

The air is foul with the heavy, suffocating odor of waste matter, the product of your lungs, which you have been breathing over and over again during your sleeping hours. You felt stupid and tired on waking, because poisoned by your own breath.

Sleeping-rooms should be so well ventilated in the winter, as well as in the summer, that the sleeper may have a constant supply of moderately warm, fresh air. This can be done by raising the lower and dropping the upper sash of a window in a warm room.

Cold air is not necessarily pure air, and, in northern climates, is often too severe in winter to be breathed at night by any but the most robust.

Two openings are needed in order to ventilate a room properly—one through which the impure air may pass out, and another by which the pure air may enter.

There are many ways of doing this. One is to open the windows a little, both at the top and bottom, as already suggested. Open fire-places are excellent ventilators. Through them, a stream of air from the room goes up the chimney, and air from without must come in to take its place.

While we must have fresh air to breathe, it is not safe to sit or stand in a draught of air.

AIR IN SICK-ROOMS.

The air of the sick-room should be always pure and fresh. To "take the breath" of another person is, of course, to take the carbonic acid and other waste matter from his lungs into your own. Contagious diseases are often spread in this way.

To avoid this the safest way is to raise the lower sash, and let it rest on a narrow two inch board below, so that the air comes in at the top of the lower sash and goes upward.

ALCOHOL AND THE LUNGS.

Alcohol, as you have learned, is sent into the blood as soon as possible. The blood carries a part to the

lungs, and thus you may often know from the breath that a person has been drinking.

In passing through them, alcohol injures the delicate air-cells of the lungs. The idea that this narcotic will prevent consumption is a mistake. On the contrary it is an active agent in producing consumption.

Dr. A. B. Palmer says in a recent work, "Science and Practice of Medicine":—"An impression seems to have obtained a footing in this country, that the use of alcohol even in excessive quantities, tends to prevent consumption.

"The origin of this opinion it is not easy to discover. It was not imported from Europe; for, so far as I have been able to ascertain, it is not held there by any respectable authority. It is not sustained by any authenticated statistics with which I am acquainted.

"Dr. Peacock, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed specialists in lung diseases in London, and Physician to Victoria Park Hospital for Consumptives, when told of the American notion of the preventive power of alcohol in consumption, and asked whether he thought it prevented the disease, replied, that so far from it, it was a fruitful cause of a certain form of the disease."

Dr. Palmer adds, "Too many persons have been made drunkards from the notion that whiskey prevents consumption, to make the view of its bearings upon morals and intemperance a matter of indifference to the conscientious physician."

The drinker looks well and feels well, till suddenly

comes a "dropped stitch," or a pain in the side. Then follow difficulty of breathing and vomiting of blood; then a rapid passage to the grave; for medicine, food, change of air, all prove useless.

Alcohol injures muscular power, and, as the diaphragm and the muscles which move the ribs are used in breathing, respiration is often imperfect in those who drink. Sometimes these muscles are so affected that paralysis or death occurs. Life depends on respiration, and liquors are the enemy of healthy breathing.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. Define respiration, expiration, inspiration.
2. Give the names of the organs of breathing.
3. Describe the trachea;—the larynx;—the epiglottis.
4. What are the organs used in speaking?
5. What are the bronchial tubes?—the cilia?
6. Describe the work of the lungs.
7. How should we breathe?
8. How does tight clothing about the waist injure a person?
9. Name diseases of the organs of breathing.
10. How may these diseases be avoided?
11. What is ventilation?
12. Tell the story of the "haunted house" and its changed condition.
13. How did the neighbors improve their premises?
14. How did the result affect the health of the people
15. How are air and water often made unfit for use?
16. Why do buildings need ventilation?
17. What is said of the air in churches, school-rooms, etc.?
18. Why does a close room often give one the headache?
19. How should sleeping-rooms be ventilated?
20. Is it safe to "take the breath" of another person? Why?
21. How does alcohol affect the lungs?

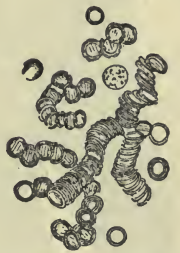
CHAPTER XII.

CIRCULATION.

THE BLOOD.

THE blood is a thin watery liquid. in which float millions of little round blood-discs As most of these are red, the blood looks red.

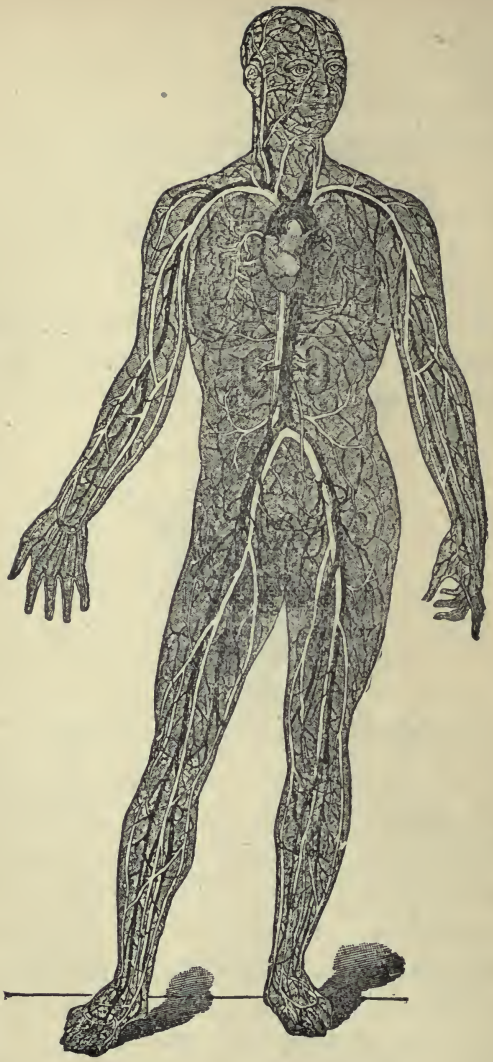
FIG. 22.



Blood-discs of human blood, highly magnified

A French writer says: "You feel quite sure that blood is red, do you not? Well, it is no more red than the water of a stream would be if you were to fill it with little red fishes.

"Suppose the fishes to be very, very small—as small as a grain of sand—and closely crowded together through the whole depth of the stream, the water would look red, would it not? And this is the way in which the blood looks red. Only observe one thing:



a grain of sand is a mountain in comparison with the little red bodies which float in the blood.

"In a single drop of blood there may be as many as five millions of these bodies."

CLOTTING OF THE BLOOD.

This rarely occurs in the living blood inside the vessels. But when blood is taken from the body and allowed to stand awhile, it rapidly undergoes a change owing to the formation of a solid fibrous substance (fi'brin) which entangles the blood corpuscles, forming a clot, which is surrounded by the watery fluid of the blood (se'rum).

If the flesh is slightly cut anywhere and the blood flows—as it will, so numerous are the blood-vessels—a clot soon forms at the mouths of the vessels and stops the flow.

This clot is really a little plug formed by the separation of the parts of the blood.

THE ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.

The heart is placed a little to the left of the middle line of the chest. Connected with it is a set of tubes, which carry blood to and from all parts of the body.

The little tubes which carry the fresh blood from the heart to every part of the body are called arteries (ar' ter iz); while those tubes which carry the blood back to the heart* are called veins.

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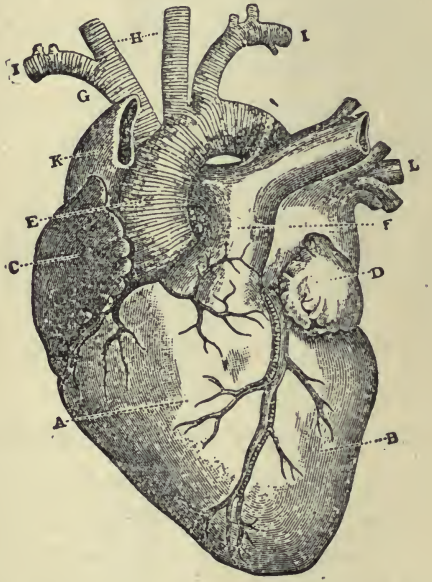
*The portal vein is an exception to this rule, as it carries blood from the digestive organs to the liver.

Connecting the arteries and veins are tubes much too small to be seen by the naked eye, called capillaries. So very fine are some of these that the blood-discs have to go through them in single file.

THE HEART.

FIG. 23.



The heart. **A,** *the right ventricle;* B, *the left ventricle;* **C,** *the right auricle;* D, *the left auricle.*

The heart is a strong muscular bag, in shape and size somewhat like one's closed fist. It is contained within a strong fibrous sac (pericardium).

The heart is divided lengthwise by a partition called the septum (sep' tum), into right and left halves. Each half is divided crosswise into chambers which open into each other.

The upper chambers are called the right and left auricles (au' ri cls); the lower chambers, the right and left ventricles (ven' tri cls). As the blood cannot pass through the septum, the heart is really a double organ.

MOTIONS OF THE HEART.

The muscular fibres of the heart are so arranged as to contract the two auricles at the same time. The blood is thus sent into the ventricles, which, in their turn, contract together and so send the blood from the heart.

The walls of the auricles are much thinner than those of the ventricles, since they have to send the blood so short a distance, that but little strength is needed.

COURSE OF THE BLOOD.

We may think of the heart as a pump which forces the blood all through the body. The bright, pure blood is pumped out from the left side through a large artery, called the aorta (a or' ta).

An express waggon, you know, carries differen kinds of goods. It may have machinery for a mill, a package of money for the bank, a silk dress for your mother, or a bicycle for you. The expressman takes each thing to the right place, leaves it there, and then drives away.

So the blood passing from the large artery into the smaller ones, and then into the capillaries, leaves one kind of substance with the bones, another with the muscles, and still another with the skin.

If, by the right kind of eating, drinking, breathing, and other care, we have put proper materials into our blood, it will, in its course through the body, leave what each part needs for its work in keeping us strong and well.

FIG. 24.

Circulation of the blood in the web of a frog's foot, highly magnified A, *an artery;* B, *capillaries crowded with discs;* C, *a deeper vein. The black spots are coloring matter in cells.*

Sometimes, when the expressman leaves a box at a house, he takes away at the same time, a package or a trunk, for another place. The blood does this, too; but the material which the blood takes away from the different parts, is worn-out or useless matter that must be made over or sent out of the body.

The tiny veins that join the capillaries unite, till at last they form two great veins which bring the blood back to the right auricle of the heart.

By the time it reaches the veins, it carries such a load of waste matter that it is of a dark blue color, as seen in the blood-vessels of the wrist. After eating, newly-digested food forms a part of this venous blood. Sent from the right auricle into the right ventricle, it is then hurried to the lungs.

There the wonderful change takes place which you learned about in studying respiration. The waste matter, largely carbonic acid, is sent off with the breath, and oxygen takes its place. The blood becomes bright scarlet again, and fit to nourish the body.

The veins then carry it to the left auricle and it starts on another journey through the system. It travels so rapidly, as to get back to the heart in about thirty seconds. About two gallons of blood pass through a man's heart every minute.

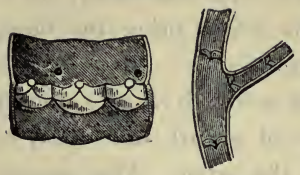
The walls of the left ventricle are much thicker and stronger than those of the right, because they have to contract with force enough to send the blood through the body, while the right ventricle sends it only to the lungs.

This, then, is the course of the blood:

Left side of the heart.—Pure, fresh blood comes from the lungs and is sent out to nourish the body.

Right side of the heart.—Impure blue blood comes from all parts of the body and is sent to the lungs.

FIG. 25.



Valves of the veins.

This movement of the blood round and round in the body, is called circulation (cir cu la'-tion).

Little flaps of delicate membrane, called valves, are so placed in the heart and veins that if the blood tries to move in the wrong direction, the back-flow is prevented by the shutting of the valves across the passage-ways or tubes.

Brisk exercise of any kind makes the blood flow faster, and thus increases the warmth of the body.

The teamster swings his arms and rubs his hands together in cold weather, because his blood, being chilled, is moving slowly, and he must quicken its flow.

The heat one feels after taking brisk exercise is more natural and more healthful than that which is obtained from nearness to a warm fire.

THE PULSE.

In adults the blood is sent out from the heart about seventy times a minute; in children from eighty to ninety times a minute.

Most of the arteries lie deep in the flesh; but at the wrist and the temple they are so near the surface that you can feel the pulse, or the motion of the blood as it is sent through the arteries by the "beating" of the heart.

Usually, if the pulse is much faster or slower than the average rate, the person is ill; the doctor counts the pulse of a patient, so as to know how his heart is working.

Rest is as necessary for the heart as for other muscles. To secure it, there is a slight pause between the beats. Brief as each pause is, if all these moments are added together, they make about nine hours of rest during the twenty-four.

WORK OF THE HEART.

At every beat the heart moves about four ounces of blood.

Suppose you had a machine which could lift very heavy weights. The coal-man brings you a ton of coal, and you put it into a large box, fasten the box to the machine, turn a crank, and the strong arm of your machine swings the box of coal up into the air with perfect ease, 122 feet high in a given time.

You try a heavier weight—say twenty-five tons; this also, with different gearing, is lifted easily, but more slowly and not so high as before. Change the gearing for fifty tons and then for seventy-five; the heavier the weight of coal, the less will be the height to which your machine will raise it in the same time.

At last, you try one hundred and twenty-two tons. With the proper gearing the machine can lift this heavy load only one foot from the ground, in the same time. There is not power enough to raise it any higher.

The heart of a full-grown man or woman uses as much power in moving blood for twenty-four hours as your machine would use in lifting one hundred and twenty-two tons, one foot high, or one ton one hundred and twenty-two feet high.

This is what learned men mean when they say: "The daily work of the healthy heart in an adult, is equal to lifting one hundred and twenty-two tons one foot."

CUTS AND WOUNDS.

The blood in the arteries of the limbs is pure and fresh, and in rapid motion; in the veins, it is impure and moves slowly.

The arteries, being deep set, are not easily injured; but, if bright, red blood comes in jerks from a cut or wound you may know that one is severed. Send for a surgeon at once, but do something while waiting for him; for there is great danger that the sufferer will bleed to death.

Even a child may save a person's life at such a time, if he knows what to do. The flow of blood must be stopped by pinching the artery, as you would stop the flow of water in a rubber hose.

If possible, take a handkerchief, or a towel, or any convenient bandage, and tie it around the limb close to the wound, and between the wound and the heart. Put a stick into the knot and twist it round and round, just enough to stop the bleeding by pressing the artery.

This will check the rush of blood coming, you remember, from the heart, and enable it to form a clot at the cut end of the tube. Keep the limb raised as you work.

If the blood comes in a slow, steady stream, a vein is injured. The blood in the veins is going to the heart, you know, and is moving much more slowly than that in the arteries. A clot will usually form in the cut veins without the help of a bandage.

If you can not use the bandage, or if this does not stop the bleeding, press a handful of dry earth upon the wound and hold it there until help comes; this is a "remedy that has saved many a life upon a battlefield."

ALCOHOL AND THE ARTERIES.

The motion of the heart is controlled by the nerves, about which you will learn in a later lesson. Wherever you find blood-vessels—even the tiniest capillaries—there are nerves entering into their coats and controlling them.

When in a healthy condition, they keep the blood-vessels from stretching or shrinking, so as to hold too much or too little blood.

But, if a person drinks gin, whiskey, wine, cider, or anything containing alcohol, these nerves are at once deadened by this narcotic; they fail to do their work properly, and therefore the muscular walls of the capillaries dilate, letting in too much blood.

This is often seen in the flushed face, especially in the red, blotched nose, of a drinking man. The unusual

amount of blood in the capillaries shows its color through the skin. This is a pitiful sight, especially when we remember that alcohol affects in a similar way the capillaries of the brain, stomach, and other parts of the body.

ALCOHOL AND THE HEART.

The pendulum regulates the works of a clock, keeping them in motion at the proper rate; remove it, and they "run down" at once. So there are certain nerves which cause the heart to beat, and others* which, like the pendulum of a clock, keep it from moving too rapidly.

Alcohol affects the heart, by acting mainly on this last set of nerves which serves as its "brakes." This, like many other of the truths you are learning, has been discovered by experiments on animals and on man.

When these nerves are deadened, the heart beats quicker, but its power is decreased, and the pulsations are too feeble to send out the blood properly. The rapid working shortens its time of rest, and heart disease is often the result.

TOBACCO AND THE HEART.

The effect of tobacco on the heart is much the same as that of alcohol. The beat is quickened, but the power is weakened; severe pain around the heart is a common result of smoking. There is a form of disease of this organ, which the doctors call "tobacco heart."

* Inhibitory nerves.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Describe the blood.
2. What is said of it by a French writer?
3. What is meant by the clotting of the blood?
4. Name and locate the organs of circulation.
5. Describe the heart;—its motions.
6. State the course of the blood.
7. What does the blood carry to every part of the body?
8. What does it take away?
9. What kind of blood is in the right side of the heart?
10. How is the blood changed in the lungs?
11. What kind of blood is in the left side of the heart?
12. What is meant by circulation?
13. What is the use of the valves in the heart and veins?
14. What is the effect of exercise on the motion of the heart?
15. What is the pulse?
16. How often does it beat in children?—in adults?
17. Why does the doctor count the pulse of a patient?
18. When does the heart rest?
19. Compare the daily work of the heart with that of a lifting machine.
20. How may you know whether an artery or a vein has been cut?
21. If an artery, how would you stop the flow of blood?—if a vein?
22. In what way is alcohol likely to injure the blood?
23. What controls the motion of the heart and the size of the blood-vessels?
24. How does alcohol affect these nerves?
25. What is the cause of the flushed face of the drinking man?
26. What two classes of nerves act on the heart?
27. How does alcohol affect the heart-beat?
28. How does tobacco affect the heart?

CHAPTER XIII.

THE SKIN.

CUTIS AND CUTICLE.

THE skin has two layers. The lower one is called the cutis (cu'tis), or true skin; the upper one the cuticle (cu'ti cl). These layers never interfere with muscular motion; for they cover the flesh more nicely than the finest glove fits the hand.

At the lips and nose, this covering changes to a softer and more delicate one, called the mucous membrane, which extends into the body and forms the lining of most of its organs.

THE CUTIS.

The inner, or true skin, is full of nerves and blood-vessels; it has, also, weak muscular fibres, by means of which the skin is sometimes "puckered" into "goose-pimples," or the hair made to "stand on end."

On the palm of your hand and the ends of your fingers, you can see little ridges called papillæ (pa pil'le). These contain so many of the tiny nerves by which news is carried to the brain, that our hands are the chief organs of touch. In the absence of other senses, especially that of sight, one learns to rely upon the sense of touch. The blind read by passing their fingers or lips over raised letters.

Fig. 26.

A, *a perspiratory tube with its gland*; B, *a hair with a muscle and two oil-glands*; C, *cuticle*; D, *the papillæ*; *and* E, *fat-cells.*

THE CUTICLE.

We could not bear to touch the nerve-ends directly, for that would give pain in the hands, almost as severe as the toothache.

The cuticle covers the cutis and protects the nerves.

It is made of hard, dry scales and becomes thicker by use, as on the hands of a blacksmith, or on the feet of a barefoot boy. Its scales rub off on our under-clothing and on the sheets of our beds. In a blister, bloody or watery matter forces itself between the two layers of the skin.

THE PERSPIRATION.

When a workman comes in from the hayfield on a hot August day, his face is covered with drops of water; so is yours after a run, and you say you are "sweating."

This sweat, or perspiration, regulates the temperature of the body and carries off much of the waste matter. It oozes through very small holes in the skin, called pores—so small that you cannot see them without a magnifying glass. They are the mouths of small

tubes that extend through the skin, the lower end of each being coiled into a tiny ball.

They are most numerous in the soles of the feet, the arm-pits, the palms of the hands, and the forehead. If all these drains of the body were straightened out and laid end to end, they would make a line more than three miles long.

Perspiration is at all times passing off through the pores; but we notice it only when there is enough to form drops. It cools the body, and suddenly to stop perspiring is one of the first symptoms of heat-stroke or sun-stroke.

Mixed with the water of the sweat is waste matter from the body. The skin is thus one of our most important scavengers, and garments which prevent the perspiration from passing away into the air, are not healthful; the feet become damp and cold if rubber overshoes, which keep in the moisture, are worn for any great length of time.

A little boy was once covered with gold-leaf to represent an angel at a festival. This kept the perspiration from leaving his body, and he died in a few hours.

THE OIL-GLANDS.

The skin is kept smooth and soft by a fatty substance sent out from little sacs in the cutis, called sebaceous-glands. A similar material moistens and keeps the hair glossy.

The sebaceous (se ba'shus) glands on the face are quite large, and sometimes the matter in them hardens and dries. When their mouths are opened, particles of dirt mingle with the oily matter, and they become dark-colored and are often called "worms." They can then be easily pressed out and the black spots removed.

COMPLEXION.

Small grains of coloring-matter on the lower side of the cuticle, cause the different colors of the skin. When these collect in spots, the skin is freckled.

THE HAIR AND NAILS.

These grow from the cuticle. Each hair has a tiny sac, or fold of skin, at its root. The nails protect the ends of the fingers, and grow rapidly.

You may easily prove this, by making a little mark near the base of one of them, and watching it from day to day.

The nails should always be kept clean and well-cut; not bitten nor broken off. Finger-nails, black with needless dirt under the ends, are not the mark of a gentleman or a lady.

BATHING.

The sweat-tubes will not work properly if dirt is allowed to clog or close the openings. Bathing, therefore, is very necessary to the health of the body.

For most strong, well persons, the best time for a bath is just after rising, and the water used, may be

cool, or slightly warm. If hot water is used, a dash of cold water at the close of the bath, with vigorous rubbing, will prevent the tired feeling that would otherwise follow.

Cold water drives the blood away from the skin for an instant; but it comes back when the surface is briskly rubbed, giving a delightful warmth and glow to the body.

A healthy person need not be at all chilled by a cold bath. Uncover only a small part of the body at a time, and wash rapidly and rub well with a coarse towel. If the bath is thus taken, and each part covered as soon as it is dry and warm, no chill will be felt.

All should bathe at least twice a week, and soap is needed on the whole body at least once a week, to remove the oily matter that has dried upon the skin.

The old idea that it must not be used upon the face is a mere whim. When needed for cleanliness use it on the face as freely as on any other part of the body.

DISEASES TAKEN BY THE SKIN.

There is danger in using many of the cheap toilet soaps, since they are sometimes made from the fat of diseased animals, and diseases may thus be taken into the system through the pores of the skin.

Soldiers who want to shirk duty, sometimes put a piece of tobacco under each arm-pit. The poison passing through the pores soon sickens them, and the surgeon sends them to the hospital.

Painters, and operatives in lead works, are often made sick by little particles of the lead which they handle entering the pores and poisoning the blood.

Face-powders, hair-dyes, and eye-washes, do great harm in the same way. Good health is the best cosmetic (cos met'ic). Nothing else will give such a clear complexion, rosy cheeks, and brilliant eyes. Beauty is much more than "skin deep.'

THE SUN.

Sunlight is necessary for the health of the skin, as well as for all the other parts of the body. In many homes, the closed blinds that keep the carpets bright, keep the people who live behind them, faded and pale.

The trees around a house often shade it so heavily that it is dark and damp. Plants growing in cellars have white, sickly leaves ; people living in the dark, lose strength of body and mind, as well as color.

The sunlight should not be shut out from rooms occupied by human beings, except in time of extreme heat.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. Name the layers of the skin.
2. What is the mucous membrane?
3. Describe the cutis;—the cuticle.
4. What is perspiration?—How does it reach the surface of the body?
5. What gives the different colors to the skin?
6. From what do the hair and nails grow?
7. How are diseases taken by the skin?
8. What are "goose-pimples?"—papillæ?
9. Is it safe to wear clothing which will prevent perspiration from passing into the air?
10. How are the skin and hair kept smooth and glossy?
11. What is the effect of face-powders and hair-dyes?
12. What is said about the use of soap?
13. Should the sunlight be allowed to enter our dwellings?
14. How should the nails be cared for?
15. Why is bathing important?
16. What is the best time for a bath?
17. Explain the warm glow that is felt after a cold bath and brisk rubbing.

CHAPTER XIV.

ANIMAL HEAT.

USE OF THE THERMOMETER.

THE blood in the healthy human body has an average heat of about 102°F. (39°C.); that is if you could put a thermometer (ther mom'eter) into it as it rushes through its network of tubes in the interior of the body, the mercury would rise higher than it does in the shade on our hottest summer days.

This result cannot, of course, be arrived at directly; but the blood-vessels come so near the surface that a thermometer held in the mouth or in the arm-pit for a few minutes, will show very nearly the temperature within the body (about 98°F. or 36°C.). Summer or winter, arctic cold or torrid heat, make but little difference in the internal warmth, so long as one is well.

If there is much change in the heat of the body, it is a sign of danger. In fevers, for instance, the doctor keeps careful watch of the internal heat of the patient's body—if it gets above a certain point, there is no hope of recovery.

But this heat is constantly passing off through the lungs, skin and other organs. The average amount

lost in a day of rest would boil about sixty pounds of ice-water; in a day of work, about eighty pounds. This loss must be balanced by gain.

SOURCES OF HEAT.

The heat of the body results from the many changes constantly going on within it.

The changes which take place in the digestion of food and in the tissues, the beating of the heart, the motion of the blood, the movements of the food-canal, the contracting of the muscles—all the processes of the body, tend to make and sustain its heat.

CLOTHING.

Woollen under-garments should be worn in the winter in northern climates, and many persons require them all the year.

Men who work in very hot places, such as foundries and engine-rooms, find flannel shirts more comfortable than cotton ones, for they protect from the heat of the fire, and do not, when wet with perspiration, allow the body to become so chilly.

Loose clothing in several layers is warmer than tight and very thick clothing. The lower limbs of young children, in these days of short pants and short dresses, should be clothed with care; thick boots and woollen stockings are necessary for their health and comfort, during more than half the year.

A wise doctor often said to his patient: "Never allow yourself to feel cold. If you are chilly, put on

extra clothing, go to a warmer room, exercise briskly, in some way get warm and keep warm. Only fools and beggars suffer from the cold; the latter not being able to get sufficient clothes, the others not having the sense to wear them."

Tight clothing chills by checking the circulation. Keeping the body too warm by overheated rooms or too much clothing, is another extreme which should be avoided.

None of the under-garments worn during the day should be kept on at night, because waste matter from the perspiration, and scales of the cuticle, have collected upon them; they should be taken off and spread out so as to be thoroughly aired for next day.

Outer clothing removed at night should not be hung in closed closets or wardrobes; there is more or less perspiration on it and this should have a chance to escape. Be sure that closets and wardrobes are often aired.

In the morning after making up the bed, the clothes should be thrown back, exposing the sheets to a good air bath during the day. A tidy housewife may thus have beds made early with the sheets remaining open until noon, or even night.

The family will be gainers in the fresh, sweet sleep taken in beds that have been freed from the foul matter by the air and sun. Night-clothes should be hung up exposed to the air when the bed is made, instead of being placed under the pillow.

TAKING COLD.

By exposure to a draught of air when one is heated, by sitting with wet feet or in damp garments, by going into cold air without extra clothing—in these and many other ways, the skin is suddenly chilled. The numberless little pores at once close, and the waste matter cannot pass away through them.

It often tries to escape by way of the mucous membrane of the mouth and nose, or by way of the lungs. Then we have a "cold in the head" or "on the lungs," which may lead to more serious trouble if not attended to at once.

One may guard against "taking cold" by bathing the body often, and by rubbing it daily with a flesh-brush or coarse towel, thus keeping the pores of the skin in good working order.

ALCOHOL AND COLD.

"Bitter cold! Must take something to warm me up," cries the driver starting on a long winter ride. So he swallows a glass of whiskey; says, "That's the drink to warm a man;" and drives away. But is he warmer?

Alcohol is a cheat here as elsewhere. The nerves being paralyzed, the capillaries enlarge, and an increased current of blood pours into those of the skin. This makes a glow at the surface of the body, and the man is sure he is warmer, because he feels warmer.

The heat of this warm blood at once passes off from the surface, and soon more than the proper amount of heat has left the body.

Try the thermometer—that is a better test than the feelings; it shows that the body is really colder very soon after the alcohol has entered it. But the deadened nerves cannot carry the message, or sense of cold, to the brain, and no effort is made to prevent being chilled, for the man does not know he is cold. This is the first step toward death, and many a drunkard has been frozen to death when too much intoxicated to feel his danger.

When something must be taken to start again the slow moving wheel of life—as, when one is nearly frozen to death—a little red pepper in hot water is an excellent remedy. Clear hot water, hot coffee, or ginger tea, a few drops of ammonia in water, or ammonia (not too strong) held to the nostrils, are also valuable helps in such an emergency.

Arctic explorers have proved that alcohol is worse than useless in helping them bear extreme cold. Dr. McRae says: "The moment that a man had swallowed a drink of spirits, it was certain that his day's work was nearly at an end . . . . . In that terrific cold, the use of liquor as a beverage, when we had work on hand, was out of the question."

Until lately the explorer who had gone nearest to the north pole was an Englishman named Adam

Ayles. He was proud of being able to say there had never been a drop of alcohol in his body. When in the extreme cold of those regions, he bore the hard work of sledging and hunting much better than the men who used liquor now and then.

Many of those who drank liquor became sick and helpless. When urged to drink liquor, Adam Ayles replied bravely; "No! when a boy, I promised my mother never to touch it; and, if I perish in this ice, I will keep my word." He returned to England alive and well.

When a detachment of the Russian army is about to start on a winter expedition, a corporal goes the rounds to smell the breath of each soldier. Those who have been drinking liquor are sent back to their barracks, since they can not endure the cold march.

ALCOHOL AND HEAT.

Alcohol is no better protection against heat than against cold. Livingstone, the famous African explorer, has proved that men can endure more in tropical climates without it than with it.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. How do doctors use the thermometer in sickness? For what purpose?
2. How does the heat of the body pass away?
3. How is more heat supplied to balance this loss?
4. What is said of woollen underclothing?
5. How should the feet and legs of children be dressed?
6. What should be done at night with the garments worn during the day?
7. How should sheets and night-clothes be aired?
8. Is alcohol a good preventive of chills?
9. Why does one feel warmer after drinking a glass of whiskey?
10. Is he really warmer or cooler?—Why?
11. How would you prove this?
12. Name some good remedies for cases of prostration from cold.
13. What do Arctic explorers say of the use of alcohol?
14. What is done in the Russian army?
15. What is said about alcohol and heat?
16. Is it wise to allow one's self to feel cold?
17. What is meant by taking cold?
18. What is the cause of "a cold in the head," or "on the lungs"?
19. What remedies are useful in case of being chilled through?
20. Should we keep our overcoats, shawls or furs on when we come into a warm room?—for how long a time?
21. Why is a man under the influence of liquor not apt to feel cold?
22. What was the experience of Adam Ayles in the Arctic region?

CHAPTER XV.

ALCOHOL AND LIFE INSURANCE.

THOSE who never drink liquor have a prospect of living much longer than those who do. Many diseases are caused by alcohol, and many more are made worse by it.

Of diseases like the cholera and yellow fever, pure air, clean houses and streets, and blood unpoisoned by alcohol and tobacco, are the best preventives.

In 1832, when the cholera was in London, this notice was posted by the city officers: "Spirit drinkers will be the first victims of the cholera." The poisoned bodies of alcohol-users rarely can resist the disease.

Life insurance companies keep careful records, showing how many years different classes of men will probably live. Here are some of the results of their study in England:

When a total abstainer is

20	years	old,	he	may	expect	to	live	44	years more.
30	"	"	"	"	"		36.5	"	"
40	"	"	"	"	"		28.8	"	"

When a moderate drinker is

20	years	old,	he	may	expect	to	live	15.5	years more.
30	"	"	"	"	"		13.8	"	"
40	"	"	"	"	"		11.6	"	"

From these records, it is plain that those who never drink liquor have the best chance for length of life, as well as for happiness and power to work.

The president of one life insurance company in New England says of beer drinkers:

"The deaths among them were astounding. Robust health, full muscles, a fair outside, increasing weight, florid faces, then a touch of disease and quick death."

"It was as if the system had been kept fair outside, while within, it was eaten to a shell, and at the first touch there was utter collapse; every fibre was poisoned and weak. . . . Beer-drinking is very deceptive, at first; it is thoroughly destructive, at last."

Some companies will not insure the lives of liquor sellers, because they know that they are so often liquor drinkers.

HEREDITY.

You have learned enough about your body by this time to understand that when people are sick, it is generally their own fault; either they have not been taught how to care for their bodies, or they are heedless in spite of their knowledge.

But sometimes, one is sick or suffers very much, because of wrong things that his parents or grandparents did. Does this seem strange? Some one has told you, perhaps, that you have your father's hair and eyes, but that your mouth and chin are like your mother's.

You have heard of children who were quick-tempered, or generous like their parents. Not only property, but faces and character are inherited. Our lives are very closely linked with those of our "blood relations," and evil tendencies, as well as good impulses, descend from them to us.

Over in the poor-house, is a man who does not know so much as most children four years old. He can not learn to read or write; he is an idiot. And this is because he is the child of drinking parents whose poisoned life blood tainted his own.

Many men and women are insane, because they inherit disordered bodies and minds, often caused by the drinking habits of their parents; and the descendants of "moderate drinkers" suffer in this way, as well as those of the drunkard.*

"Probably no one ever suffered from all the diseases produced by alcohol, but all habitual drinkers sooner or later experience one or more of them." And their

* One of the most serious objections to the use of alcoholic liquors in any quantity, is the taste it creates, the habit it establishes—a taste and habit often transmitted from parents to their children—and the very great danger, by continuance in the indulgence, of its resulting in gross, degrading, habitual drunkenness.

Even if a moderate indulgence had no other evil effect, this danger is so great, and the influence of the example on others is so bad, as to cause every wise and good man, woman or child to avoid it altogether.

Everybody knows it does incalculable harm, and if it does no positive good, there is the best possible reason for "total abstinence."—*Dr. A. B. Palmer*

children are likely to inherit a stronger appetite for narcotics and a weaker will with which to control it.

Tobacco and opium produce similar results. This is called the law of heredity† (he red'i ty). It is one of God's laws, and, like just human laws, helps right living and punishes those who disobey it.

The English-speaking races have descended from men who were hard drinkers. Our ancestors, the old Northmen, were famous for their wild feasts, at which they drank immense quantities of mead—a fermented liquor

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† "Three-fourths of the idiots born are the children of intemperate parents."—*Dr. Howe.*

"Where drinking has been strong in both parents, I think it a physical certainty that it will be traced in the children."—*Dr. Anstie.*

"One more example, which has come under my own professional observation, may be useful. A gentleman of position, sixty-four years of age, is an hereditary drunkard. So violent is he, that his wife and family had to leave him.

"One of his sisters has lost her mind through drinking. When drunk, she has frequently tried to commit suicide by jumping from a window and by drowning. Her insanity has so suicidal a tendency, that she cannot be left for a moment alone. She will do anything for drink—will beg, borrow or steal, pawn everything she can lay her hands on, and even essay robbery with violence in the hope of obtaining money to gratify her morbid craving for alcohol.

"Another sister is also an habitual drunkard, who gets into fits of ungovernable fury when in drink, and is dangerous both to herself and to others.

"The fatal legacy in this case was from both parents. The father shot himself when insane from the use of alcohol, and the mother was a drunkard. The grandfather was also a confirmed inebriate."—*Norman Kerr, M.D.*

made from honey and milk. In the early days of the English nation, wine and ale were everywhere used.

In America, only a few years ago, cider and rum were found in the cellar and on the table of nearly every farmer; and no wedding, funeral, or public gathering of any sort, was without its free liquor.

The ignorance of that time in regard to the origin, nature, and consequences of alcohol, is shown by the fact that the first temperance pledges signed in this country, prohibited the use of liquor "save at weddings and funerals," and the taking of "alcoholic drinks, excepting wine, beer, and cider."

The hardy, outdoor life which was led by so many of our forefathers, prevented them from feeling the full effects of their poisonous beverages.

The English and Americans of to-day are descended from these drinking ancestors, and inherit from them a craving for alcohol, and are safe from the poison only when they let it entirely alone.

The taking of a single glass of liquor, the eating of brandy sauce or wine jelly, may rouse this inherited desire, though its possessor may not have discovered that the taint is in his blood; the appetite, becoming uncontrollable, may bring its owner to a drunkard's grave.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. Why have those who never drink liquor a prospect of living longer than those who do?
2. Name good preventives of such diseases as cholera and yellow fever.
3. What do the records kept by life insurance companies prove in regard to total abstinence?
4. What class of men will insurance companies not insure?
5. If we are sick, whose fault is it usually?
6. By the faults of what other persons may our illness sometimes be caused?
7. What physical traits are often inherited?—what mental traits?
8. How do the habits of drinking men and women affect their descendants?
9. What is this law called?
10. From whom do English-speaking people inherit the taste for alcohol?
11. How were liquors used in America a few years ago?
12. Why did not our forefathers feel the full effect of the liquor they drank?
13. Is it safe to take "the first glass?"—Why?

CHAPTER XVI.

THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

MAN AND OTHER ANIMALS.

MUSCULAR action, digestion, circulation, and all the work of the body, need to be directed and controlled. This wonderful task is given to the nervous system.

Plants have no power to think or feel; cut a tree, and the bark and wood have no sense of pain: the rose is neither glad nor sorry when you take it from the stem—it knows nothing of what is being done.

The simplest forms of animal life have very little of this nervous power; one of them, the hydra (hy'dra), may be cut into pieces, and each piece will form a new hydra. But animals which have the sense of feeling—those which can be taught by man—possess most of this power.

The dog obeys his master's orders; horses are trained to understand the slightest word of command. The elephant, though huge and clumsy, is used in India to build bridges, move and pile heavy logs, and to do many other kinds of work.

FIG. 27.

The nervous system. A, *cerebrum*; B, *cerebellum.*

But no animal has so complete a nervous system as man; and no animal can think and plan so well. He is placed at the head of living creatures, not to be a tyrant to torment and destroy others, but to "protect all harmless living creatures," and to treat none with cruelty.

PARTS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

The nervous system is divided into centres, cords and nerves.

The most important centre is the brain; the principal cord is the spinal cord, which passes down the back through a series of holes in the vertebræ; from the brain and spinal cord, slender white threads, called nerves, extend to all parts of the body. Other nerves start from small centres or knots of nerve-matter, near the backbone.

NERVOUS POWER.

The nerve-centres contain soft, gray matter; the spinal cord has a core of this same gray matter, surrounded by white nerve-fibres.

What nervous power is, or how it is made, we do not know; but it begins in the gray matter, and is sent along the white fibres.

The centres are often compared to the stations of a telegraph system where all messages, home and foreign, are received, and whence orders are sent out in every direction. The nerves resemble, in the same way, the wires along which messages are sent.

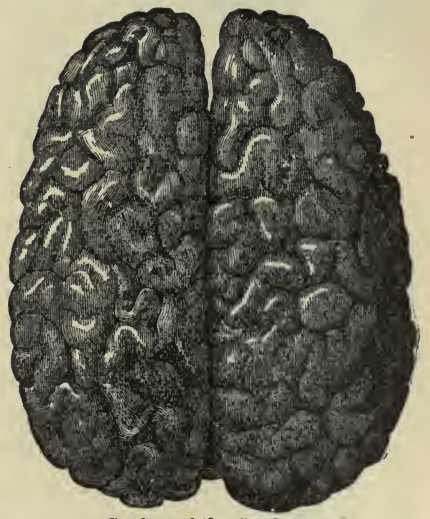
THE BRAIN.

The brain is protected from injury by the strong bones of the skull, and by three coverings, or coats. The outer coat is very tough; the inner ones are soft and delicate. The two principal parts of the brain are called the cerebellum (cer e bel'lum).

THE CEREBRUM.

The cerebrum is the part of the brain in the upper, middle, and front of the head. It has gray matter on the outside, and white nerve-fibres in the inside.

FIG. 28.



Surface of the Cerebrum.

The gray matter is coiled back and forth, so that a great deal of it is packed away in this part of the skull. You may get a good idea of these wrinkles, or foldings by looking at a piece of brain coral, or at the meat of an English walnut.

This is the part of the brain through which we think; and wise thinking strengthens it, as proper exercise strengthens the muscles. The greater the power and activity of the mind, the more wrinkled and coiled will the gray matter of the cerebrum become.

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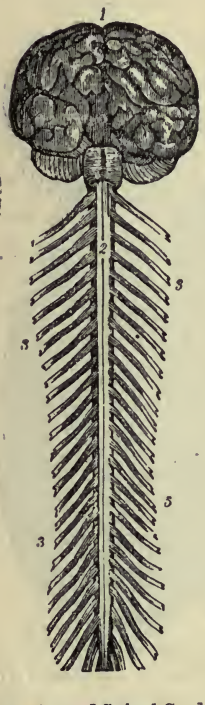


Brain and Spinal Cord.
1, Brain; 2, Spinal Cord; 3, 3, 3, 3, Spinal Nerves.

THE CEREBELLUM.

In the lower, back part of the skull, is the smaller division of the brain called the cerebellum.

Like the cerebrum, the gray matter is on the outside; the white matter, inside; but the coilings of the gray matter are finer, more like layers or foldings; and the white fibres extend into the gray in such a manner that they look somewhat like the branch of a tree—this is sometimes spoken of as "the tree of life."

The special work of the cerebellum is not fully understood. If it is injured, one can not use his body as he wishes; the messages of motion are not sent correctly, the muscles do not obey his will, and he acts as if intoxicated. If, on the other hand, the cerebrum is injured, the person becomes dull and stupid. He is able

FIG. 30.

The Brain and Cranial Nerves. F, E, *the cerebrum;* D, *the cerebellum, showing the arbor-vitæ;* G, *the eye;* H, *the medulla oblongata;* A, *the spinal cord;* C *and* B, *the first two pairs of spinal nerves.*

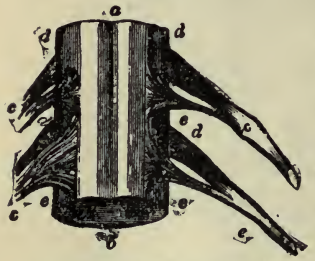
to use his muscles, but he loses all inclination to do so, and only moves when roused by some influence outside of himself. Thus the power of willing, or of deciding to do or not to do, seems to lie in the cerebrum, and any injury to that part of the brain impairs the will.

When you have learned how alcohol affects the brain, you can understand why a person who has injured his brain with alcoholic liquors comes to have a weak will.

THE SPINAL CORD.

At the very base of the brain is an important mass of white and gray nerve-matter (the medulla oblongata), situated at the upper end of the spinal cord; it is often called the "vital knot," because one nerve which starts from this centre controls the act of breathing.

FIG. 31.



Section of the Spinal Cord.
a, b, Section of the cord.
c, c, c, c, Spinal nerves.
d, d, d, d, Posterior or sensory roots of the spinal nerves.
e, e, e, e, Anterior or motory roots of the spinal nerves.

If the spinal cord is injured near this nerve, as is the case when one's neck is broken, respiration stops and death occurs instantly. This part of the brain is so placed as to be protected as fully as possible, and it is rarely injured.

The spinal cord, as has been said, extends down the trunk through the backbone. It is a white cord, about as large as the end of a man's little finger; down its whole length, front and back, are two deep furrows.

THE SPINAL NERVES.

Thirty-one pairs of nerves pass off from the sides of the spinal cord, divide and re-divide, and send tiny nerve-threads all over the body. Touch the skin ever so lightly and you feel the touch, because the cutis is full of nerve-ends.

NERVE-FIBRES.

Each nerve appears to be a bundle of small fibres; when viewed under a strong microscope, the separate fibres are generally seen to be surrounded by a very delicate sheath.

These nerve-fibres do not branch off from larger nerves as the smaller arteries branch from the larger, but lie side by side, bound together by delicate membranes.

Each tiny nerve-fibre is distinct from the others as it passes into the brain. Were it otherwise, we should often be confused and often in danger.

If the nerve-fibres from your first finger were to unite with those from your thumb, so as to make one large fibre, you could not tell, unless you used your eyes, whether you pricked your finger or your thumb.

If the nerve-fibres from the feet united to make one large tube, you could not know by feeling, alone, which foot was cold, cut, or bruised. But when a fly lights on your hand you do know perfectly well that he is not on your face; the nerves carry word of his presence to the part of the brain which has to do with your hand.

KINDS OF NERVES.

In studying the heart you learned that two sets of nerves were necessary to its proper "beating." So the lungs, brain, and other organs, are kept at work by certain nerves and held from overaction by other nerves which serve as "brakes."

By other sets of these signal-lines, we know about the world around us. We can not hear with our eyes, nor smell with our ears; for the nerves of sight are affected by light only, those of hearing by sound only.

By the nerves of smell, we perceive different odors; by those of taste, we enjoy food and drink, and dislike some medicines and various disagreeable things; while by those of touch, we are told about the various objects with which we come in contact—as, for example, whether they are hard or soft, rough or smooth.

In the cutis, too, lie the ends of those fibres, or tubes, by means of which we receive our sensations of pain; and there are other nerves which give us the power of muscular motion.

FIBRES OF FEELING AND OF MOTION.

The two sets of nerve-tubes last mentioned, though they look exactly alike, have two kinds of work to do. However closely they may be bound together, each performs its own task and never interferes with that of its neighbor.

One set—the fibres of feeling—carries messages to the brain from the body; another set—the fibres of motion—brings messages from the brain to the muscles.

HOW THE NERVES WORK.

The nerve-fibres are like those telegraph lines on which messages travel in a single direction only: on a wire, all the telegrams are sent to the central

office; while on the other, they are received from the central office.

When the finger touches a hot iron, nerve-ends of the fibres of feeling send the message along up the arm into the spinal cord, and thence to the brain, which feels the pain. At once, the brain sends back over the motor-fibres a message to the muscles in the finger, telling them to remove it from the iron.

All this is done in the twinkling of an eye; and the pain, which seems to be in the finger, is really perceived in the brain; and yet the brain itself may be injured severely without suffering, though it is the seat of all pain.

An iron bar was once driven through the upper part of a man's head and he felt no pain.

INJURIES OF THE NERVES.

The fibres of motion and of feeling look exactly alike, as has been said. The large nerve of the arm or leg is formed of many of these fibres bound together. Near the spinal cord, it is divided; all its motor-fibres come from the front part, all its feeling-fibres from the back part of the cord.

In time of war, soldiers often cut the telegraph lines leading to the enemy's camp; then no message can be given or sent, till the line is repaired.

In a similar way, if the back part of the spinal cord,

just where the nerve goes off to the right foot, is injured, the sense of feeling in the foot is gone.

Fig. 32.

Nerves of the face and neck.

You may prick it, or burn it, as much as you please; no pain will be felt, because the nerve fibre which should carry the message of trouble to the brain is injured.

If the front part of the spinal cord is injured at the same place, the order to move the foot may start from

the brain; but the muscles do not obey, because they do not receive it. The message can not pass the broken place on the line. This is how we know there are two sets of fibres connected with the brain-centre.

Have you ever had your foot soundly "asleep?" You had held it in such a position that the nerves were pressed, and this partly paralyzed them, so that for a moment, the foot could scarcely move or feel.

If the spinal cord be divided, or seriously diseased or pressed upon, there is no feeling or motion in any part of the body below the point of injury. This is called paralysis (pa ral'y sis), and is quite common.

THE CRANIAL NERVES.

The nerves which start directly from the brain, are called cranial (cra'ni al) nerves.

Among these are the nerves of sight, smell, hearing and taste; those which move the muscles of the face; and those which control digestion, respiration, and motions of the heart.

From one of these nerves, a number of little branches go to the centre of each tooth, and in case a tooth decays so that either the food or the air can reach them, we suffer severe pain.

Sometimes, the dentist "kills the nerve" by putting against it creosote (cre'o sote), or some other substance. Then he takes out a piece of the little white thread, and fills the cavity with gold, or some other material, to prevent further decay.

THOUGHT.

But the brain has other important work to do besides merely keeping us alive. It is the organ of the mind. By it, we think and reason: how, we do not know; but God has given us this wonderful instrument and with it we may do either good or evil.

Every time one does right, it is easier for him to keep on doing right, because he strengthens that part of the brain which is used by the good powers of his mind.

Every time he does wrong, he weakens this part, and strengthens the part used by the powers of his mind for evil—making it much easier to do wrong the next time. Thus we form habits that control us.

In this way, boys and girls who are mean and cruel, whose thoughts are impure and lives untrue, make the men and women who do the mischief and sin of the world; while those whose lives are pure and true, make the men and women who are honored and loved.

One reason why it is almost impossible for a drunkard to reform, is, because alcohol has deadened that part of the brain which he needs to use in order to master his appetite.

The best quality of brain, as in the case of gifted men and women, seems to suffer the most.

HYGIENE OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Healthy blood is needed in order to have healthy nerves; and proper food, fresh air, and exercise, are necessary to healthy blood.

To keep the mind strong and happy, we must observe the rules of right living, and so protect the brain. When the mind is hard at work, an extra supply of blood is sent to this organ; if it is overworked, too much blood and energy are thus taken from other parts of the body, which then become weak and feeble. Neither brain-work nor muscle-work must be neglected, for both are important.

Rest must also be given to this busy organ, and quiet, dreamless sleep is the best brain-rest. Sleeplessness is often one of the first signs of insanity, that terrible disease in which the mind loses, more or less, its control over the brain.

Blows on the head are dangerous, and children in their play, as well as older persons, should never give them.

Causes which weaken other parts of the body, weaken the brain as well. Hence, impure air, unwholesome, ill-cooked food, unsuitable clothing, lack of cleanliness—all these tend to injure not only the brain, but the whole nervous system.

The lack of properly prepared food and other unhealthful ways of living often lead men and women to use alcohol, tobacco and opium, to deaden their feelings of restless discomfort.

ALCOHOL AND THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

You have learned how alcohol injures the organs of digestion, so that the food we eat can not make us

good blood; and how it unfits the blood for the best use of the body.

About one-fifth of all the blood in the body is in the brain. Through and around the soft gray matter, in and out among the white fibres, are the tiny blood-vessels.

You know, already, that these enlarge from the drinking of alcohol; the blood then sometimes stagnates, and, at other times, rushes through them too violently. No wonder a headache so often follows the glass of liquor.

Sometimes an artery bursts, because its walls have been weakened by alcohol so that they can not bear the extra strain; the blood flows out, and death occurs at once. This is called apoplexy (ap'o plexy), and may result from other causes than the use of alcohol.

But this is not all. The brain asks for good blood, but it gets injured and unhealthful blood. Of course the brain can not be healthy when made of poor material.

A boy can not whittle well with a broken, rusty knife; a musician can not bring sweet music out of a piano whose strings are not in tune; and the mind can not do good thinking, if it has to work through an unhealthy brain.

A large share of the water in the body is contained in the brain and the nerves, and alcohol unites with this water, taking it away from the parts where it is needed. More alcohol goes to the brain of the drinking man

than to any other organ except the liver; its effect on the nerve-substance is deadening—paralyzing—as you have learned.

The drinking man may not feel pain from his inflamed stomach, partly because it has but few nerves of feeling, and partly because these are out of order and fail to carry messages correctly. Supposing the alcohol has been a good friend, he satisfies the craving it has caused by another dose.

Perhaps he takes it under the name of "Bitters," or "Patent Medicine," ignorant of the fact that most of these are only extracts of herbs mixed with alcohol, and that the harm done by the alcohol more than balances the good gained from the herbs.

When the brain is partly paralyzed by this narcotic, the man does not know what he is doing—his power of thought is deranged, and that of correct thought is gone—he is "crazy with liquor." He believes himself stronger in body and mind; he sometimes talks faster, but thinks less wisely.*

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* "Among the immediate effects of a few doses of alcohol are drunkenness, and, in rarer cases, crazy drunkenness and alcoholic convulsions or fits.

"Still further use of the poison brings on delirium tremens (de lir'i um tre'mens), and various maladies of the stomach, liver, kidneys, lungs and other organs of the body; insanity, and another disease of the nervous system called dipsomania (dip so ma'nia). The latter is an intense craving for alcoholic or other narcotic substances.

"This uncontrollable desire for liquor does not appear in those who have never used alcoholic drinks; but sometimes the first

"The word of a drunkard, especially with regard to his drinking habits, can not be trusted. An old, but true, proverb says: 'A drunkard is a liar.' His love of truth seems entirely destroyed. And, 'the tendency to untruthfulness often descends to his children.'"—*Dr. B. W. Richardson.*

Many railroad companies will not employ drinking men as engineers, since they can not trust them to run their engines safely. Many battles have been lost, because the generals in command were so intoxicated that they could not properly order their troops.

If more liquor is taken, the paralyzed nerves can not control the muscles, the man staggers, his hands tremble, and are beyond his proper control. The brain is still more affected, and the drunken talk and actions

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indulgence awakens the desire. With others, only a longer use will produce it.

"Most persons, in their earlier indulgence, think themselves capable of controlling their habits, and indulge without appre hension of danger.

"Even when that danger is apparent to others, it may not be to them, until the desire and the habit are too strong, the will too weak or the indifference to consequences too great for any effectual effort to change this course.

"The longer the indulgence, the stronger the habit, the feebler the resistance and the greater the indifference—until the victim is swallowed up in his self-invited destruction.

"From this view of the facts, it becomes too obvious to need repeating that the remedy for drunkenness as a vice and inebriety as a disease is abstinence from alcoholic drinks.

"It would be an insult to the intelligence of the reader to say that the remedy for drunkenness is the use of wine or beer, of which alcohol is the essential and active ingredient."—*Prof Palmer.*

show too plainly that alcohol has conquered all the better part of the man.

It is fully proved that a large number of crimes for which men are sent to prisons or jails, are committed when they are in this condition. A noted murderer confessed that never, but once, did he feel any remorse. Then he was about to kill a babe, and the little creature looked up into his face and smiled.

"But," said he, "I drank a large glass of brandy, and then I didn't care."

The poison deadened his nerves and brain, the better part of his mind—his conscience—was thus put to sleep, and the evil of his nature controlled him. Many a man spends the most of his life behind prison bars, for crimes that he would have shrunk from with horror, had he not been drunk when he committed them.

The drinking of a very little alcohol is enough to deaden, to some extent, the noblest powers of a man's mind, and to make him careless about the results of his actions. But anger, cruelty, fierceness—the baser tendencies, in which he is like savages and wild beasts, are not overcome until he is "dead drunk."

Then all signs of life are gone, save breathing and the motions of his heart. Probably the brain of a man who has once been "dead drunk," can never be so strong and perfect as it otherwise would have been.

ALCOHOL AND SLEEP.

The exact cause of sleep is unknown; but we do know that in healthful sleep, the heart beats more

slowly than when one is awake; the breathing is less rapid; and less blood is coursing through the brain.

Alcohol interferes with all this, and the sleep caused by its use is not healthy brain-rest, but a heavy stupor from which the drinker wakens tired and often suffering.

A narcotic has no power to cure fatigue—it can only deaden the nerves for a while, and thus prevent one while under its influence from knowing that he is weary.

ALCOHOL AND THE MIND.

No man can explain the connection between body and soul, the brain and the mind. We simply know that a sound mind goes with a sound body, a healthy mind with a healthy brain. Alcohol never helps a healthy body.*

The craving for itself which the poison sets up in the system, tends to the destruction of health, character, friends, happiness, usefulness, mind, and life. The only safe course is never to drink alcohol in any form; or, if the habit is formed, to break it off, at once and forever. The sudden ceasing to drink is not a danger, but the wise way of recovering lost health. Men in state-prisons are not made sick by having their supply of liquor taken entirely away.

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* "Indirectly, alcoholism favors the production of nearly all diseases, by lessening the power of resisting their causes; and it contributes to their fatality by impairing the ability to tolerate or overcome them."—*Prof. Austin Flint.*

TOBACCO AND THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Dizziness and partial paralysis are common results of the use of tobacco especially by the young. The deadening of the nerves explains the "quieting" power of cigars.

When the first effect of the tobacco has passed away, the abused nerves are very likely to tell the user of their discomfort, by leading him to be irritable and unhappy.

What would you think of a young man who, if his father gave him $1,000 to start him in business, should at once burn up $500, and then begin work with the rest?

Just so foolish is the boy who destroys the God-given powers of his mind and body, by the use of tobacco. He is cheating himself, throwing away a large part of the energy and strength which he needs for the work of life.*

It is even worse than this; for often one of the first effects of tobacco and alcohol is to make one ungentlemanly and forgetful of the rights and feelings of others.

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*Young men who use tobacco say: "It does not hurt me." Does not hurt you! Wait and see. In years to come, when you ought to be in your prime, you will, probably, be a poor, nervous, irritable, nerve-dried creature. Your hands will tremble, your head will ache, your sleep will be fitful and disturbed and your stomach out of order.

Sins against the laws of health, not punished at one end of life, are sure to be at the other.—*Adapted from J. R. Black.*

Tobacco-users often smoke in the faces of other people, without once thinking of the impoliteness of such an act, or that the odor of the tobacco may make others very sick; the smoker "does not think" or does not care—he is enjoying "a good smoke."

These are not gentlemanly acts, but they are the very habits to which the use of tobacco often tends.

A boy who uses tobacco, must not only pay out much money, but must give up a large share of his health and manhood, in return for its use.

In Germany, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and other countries, children under sixteen are forbidden to use it; the same is true of the pupils of the public schools in France; and of the students in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, and in the Military School at West Point. In New Brunswick the age limit is eighteen years.

Those who run races or engage in rowing matches are denied alcohol and tobacco while in "training." Each man would be glad to have his opponent drink a single glass of liquor just before the contest, so as to weaken him and to make his nerve unsteady.

OPIUM AND THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

The opium-eater looks old while yet young. It is harder to break off from the use of this drug, than from that of alcohol or tobacco.

In sickness, it often relieves pain temporarily; but when long continued, and always if taken in health, it

paralyzes the nerves and throws the telegraph lines of the body out of order, so that no correct message can be given or received, and deranges, often beyond repair, the whole system

It is a true narcotic. If a certain amount quiets the brain to-day, more must be taken next week to produce the same effect. The opium-user is so enslaved by the poison, that he will lie, or steal, or commit even worse crimes, to obtain the fatal drug.

CHLORAL AND THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Chloral is also used to quiet the brain and induce sleep. It, too, must often be increased in dose. Its continued use greatly injures the health, and there is constant danger of taking a fatal overdose.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. What is the work of the nervous system?
2. Name the parts of the nervous system.
3. What is nervous power?—Where does it begin?—Along what is it sent?
4. Compare centres, cords and nerves to telegraph stations and wires.
5. How is the brain protected?
6. What are the parts of the brain called?—Describe each part and its special work.
7. What is the "vital knot?"—Where is it?
8. Describe the spinal cord;—the spinal nerves.
9. Do the nerve tubes unite on their way to the brain?—What is the advantage of this?
10. What is the work of the fibres of feeling?—the fibres of motion?

11. Describe the messages sent and received when the finger touches a hot iron.
12. Where is pain really perceived?
13. What causes your foot to get "asleep?"
14. What is the most important part of the brain?
15. How does one form good habits?—how evil ones?
16. How does the power of habit make it hard for a drunkard to reform?
17. How do unhealthy ways of living lead to the use of narcotics?
18. What is apoplexy?
19. What is the danger in using "Bitters" and "Patent Medicines"?
20. Why does a drunken man stagger?
21. What powers of the mind are first deadened by alcohol?—what powers are the last to yield?
22. Explain the "quieting" power of cigars.
23. Does opium furnish a real cure for pain?

CHAPTER XVII.

SPECIAL SENSES—TASTE.

THE ORGAN OF TASTE.

THE tongue helps in the acts of chewing, swallowing, and speaking; but it is the special organ of taste.

The nerves of taste are mainly in the papillæ of the tongue; as they are covered by a thin skin—the mucous membrane — food must be dissolved so as to pass through this skin before it can be really tasted.

If one eats rapidly, he not only injures his stomach, but loses much of the flavor of the food. When the tongue is coated, as in a fever, the sense of taste is impaired or sometimes lost.

The nerves of the front part of the tongue taste sweet and sour things; those of the back part, salt and bitter things. The former are connected with those of the face, so, when you eat something sour, your face is likely to "pucker up." The latter are connected with the nerves of the stomach, hence bitter tastes often make us "sick at the stomach."

FIG. 33.

The tongue, showing the three kinds of papillæ—the conical (D), *the whip like* (K I), *the entrenched* (H L); E, F, G, *nerves;* C, *glottis.*

SMELL.

THE ORGAN OF SMELL.

The nose is the organ of smell. It is composed of bone and gristle. It is connected with the back part of the mouth, and is lined, like the throat, with the mucous membrane. It is divided into two parts called nostrils.

The nerves of smell enter the nostrils through small openings in the bone at the back of the nose.

The sense of smell helps us to decide what things to eat. If, for instance, the nose were on one side of the mouth, we should not be so likely, as we are now, to smell food before eating it, and should be in much more danger of eating things unfit for food.

When we must swallow something that is not pleasant to the taste, like some kinds of medicine, it is well to shut the eyes and hold the nose; it will not be so disagreeable if we use the sense of taste alone.

Impure air often warns us of its presence through our sense of smell.

HEARING.

THE ORGAN OF HEARING.

The ear is one of the most difficult parts in the whole body to study or understand. It is divided into the outer, middle and inner ear.

When we speak of the ears we usually mean the curiously shaped pieces of gristle on the sides of the head. Their principal use seems to be to help catch the sound.

The opening which passes from these into the head is called the auditory (au' di to ry) canal. This extends to the middle ear, or the "drum" of the ear, as it is

sometimes called. The "head" of the "drum" is a delicate membrane which is stretched tightly across the inner end of the auditory canal.

Fig. 34.

The Ear.

Both the middle and the inner ear (which lies deeper in the head) are in the solid bone of the skull, and are thus carefully protected from injury.

A tube leads from the middle ear to the throat. Perhaps you have noticed that old people who are a little deaf open their mouths when they want to hear distinctly. This is to let the sound pass in through this tube, as well as through the auditory canal.

Very small bones, strangely curved tubes, a little water, and millions of tiny nerves of hearing are found in the middle and in the inner ear.

CARE OF THE EARS.

Very cold water should not be used in the ears, nor should a draught of cold air be allowed to enter them.

No hard substance, like a pin, should be pushed into the canal; for it might break the "head of the drum," and when this happens, the sense of hearing is injured.

If there is too much ear-wax, it will often fall out of itself, in fine scales. It may, however, accumulate and require to be carefully removed. A "box on the ear" should never be given; there is great danger of its making one deaf. Pulling the ears is a cruel and injurious practice.

TOBACCO AND HEARING.

Ringing sounds in the ears and partial deafness sometimes result from the use of tobacco.

SIGHT.

THE ORGAN OF SIGHT.

The eyes are placed in deep, bony sockets in the head, and are protected by the brows and lids.

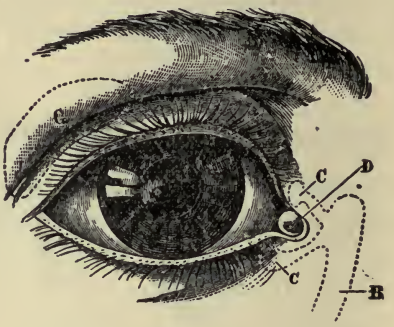
The eyebrows are projections of skin covered with short, stiff hairs; the eyelids are two flaps, or curtains, of somewhat gristly skin. They have oil and sweat-glands like the rest of the skin, and a row of hairs grow from each edge. These hairs, or eye-lashes, help to keep dust out of the eye.

The tears come from a gland that lies above the eye, and just within the outer edge of its roof. Every time you wink, some of this moisture is washed over the eyeball, clearing it of dust. The overflow passes by a small tube, into the nose.

Grief, or even great joy, makes the tears flow so freely that they run down over the cheeks. The eye-

ball, by means of nerves and muscles, can move inward, outward, upward, and downward.

FIG. 35.



The eye.

The "white of the eye" is a hard coat which protects the parts beneath. The colored circle—that which makes us call the eyes black, or blue, or brown—is the iris (i'ris). It is like a circular curtain with a hole in the centre called the pupil.

When the light is too bright, the pupil contracts; when too dim, it enlarges. This is done by muscular fibres that run round the hole somewhat like the string in a hat-lining; they contract and so draw the sides of the pupil together, or stretch and make it larger.

A cat's eyes can do this better and more quickly than ours. They need to be able to see their prey in the dark, and so can open their pupils very wide.

Back of the iris are various fluids and parts, all of which help us to see. The fine nerves of sight form a

delicate expansion or coat, which is the inner lining of the eye.

CARE OF THE EYES.

Looking at a bright light or directly at the sun, dazzles the eyes and may greatly injure them. Weakness of vision and sometimes blindness result from allowing sunlight or an artificial light, to shine directly into an infant's eyes.

Squinting or rolling the eyes, even "for fun," is a dangerous practice, because it strains the muscles which should hold the eyeball in place.

School seats ought not to face the windows, and one should never read or write with strong sunlight falling on book or paper. Reading in the twilight, or on the cars when in motion, strains the eyes.

In reading in the evening, be sure you do not face the artificial light; let the lamp be shaded and the light fall from behind; for writing, the lamp should be behind and at the left, so that the shadow of the hand will not be in the way of the pen.

A lighted lamp, standing on a white or red cloth and facing a person, as at the tea table, is very trying to the eyes. The cloth should be of a neutral tint—drab or brown—and the light so placed as to be above the level of the eyes.

Sleeping-rooms should be partly darkened, so that on waking in the morning, the eyes may not be required to meet suddenly a bright light.

Cinders may be removed from the eye, by a little loop of fine thread or hair.

TOBACCO AND SIGHT.

Imperfect sight, and specks of light dancing before the eyes, sometimes result from the use of tobacco.

A certain kind of blindness is caused by this drug, and is cured by stopping its use.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. Where are the nerves of taste?
2. Which of them are connected with the nerves of the stomach? —with those of the face?
3. Describe the nose.
4. How does it act as a sentinel?
5. Describe the ear.
6. What care should be taken of the ears?
7. How does tobacco affect the sense of hearing?
8. How is the eye protected?—how kept free from dust?
9. How is the eyeball moved?
10. Describe the eye.
11. Why can a cat see better in the dark than we can?
12. How are the eyes often injured?
13. How should a light be placed for reading or writing?
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